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INTRODUCTION

The phrase “The Rule of Thumb” has been used to describe both the process of estimation in the absence of exact tools of measurements and the degree of force (beating with a rod no thicker than his thumb) a husband was permitted to use against his wife under English common law. Though there is considerable discussion and disagreement about the accuracy of the historical basis for the latter use of the phrase, it has (correctly or incorrectly) entered into the lexicon of domestic violence. Having no interest in attempting to resolve the dispute, the intent of this report is to provide a logical nexus of these two uses of the phrase: an estimate and description of domestic violence in South Carolina using the best available informational tools.

This report is the second in what is intended to be an ongoing series of five year trend reports on domestic violence in South Carolina. The information presented in the tables, graphs and charts of this publication is based on incident reports submitted to the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) by state and local law enforcement agencies. These reports are edited and reviewed, corrected as needed and compiled to form the basis of the information presented in this report. It is important to note that the information in this report is only as complete and accurate as the information reported to local law enforcement and subsequently submitted to SLED. By their very nature, unreported crimes cannot be included in the report. The definition of domestic violence is dependent upon both how a domestic relationship is defined, and how an act of violence is defined. While there are a variety of legal and social definitions of domestic violence, this report uses a broad definition, parsed into meaningful sub-categories, in order to provide as much useful information as is reasonably possible. Particular emphasis has been placed on providing information at the county level.

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COUNTING AND DEFINING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Data from the South Carolina Incident Based Reporting System (SCIBRS) provides the basis of this report. The SCIBRS data starts with the statewide uniform incident report. An incident report is filled out whenever a criminal event is reported to law enforcement. The responding officer fills out the incident report which contains detailed information about the incident, the victim and the offender as well as any associated arrests. This information is then entered into SCIBRS, which is maintained by SLED. Analysis of SCIBRS data will often vary from published crime rates and counts for a variety of reasons. Chief among these is that SCIBRS data allows for the flexibility to use whatever unit of count (victim, offense, offender, arrestee, etc.) is most appropriate. The unit of count used throughout this report was victim, however there are nuances associated with some factors that can result in different totals. These situations are noted and explained throughout the report. Additionally, edits, updates and corrections are made over a two-year period in order to provide agencies with the maximum window of opportunity to report as fully and accurately as possible. As a result, totals from a specific year can subsequently vary from previously published totals for that same year. Any data published here concerning figures for prior years supersede those published in previous reports. It is also important to be aware that SCIBRS does not restrict analysis to use of the most serious offense, as is often the case with many reported crime rates. SCIBRS data from 2005 through 2009 provides the primary source of crime data for this report. The sum of categories for some tables, charts or graphs may not total 100% in some cases due to rounding.

For the purposes of this report, it was necessary to define what constitutes a domestic relationship and what constitutes violence in order to define domestic violence. SCIBRS collects detailed information concerning the relationship between the victim(s) and offender(s) in an incident. Domestic relationships were defined as being one of the following: marital (involving spouses or common-law spouses), family (involving family relations by blood or marriage, other than spouses), romantic (boyfriends and girlfriends, both heterosexual and homosexual) and ex-spouses. Violence was defined to include the following offenses: murder, voluntary manslaughter, rape, forcible sodomy, sexual assault with an object, forcible fondling, robbery, aggravated assault, simple assault and intimidation. The operational definition of domestic violence was a situation in which the victimization met both definitions (domestic relationship and a violent offense) as previously defined. Victimization rates were calculated using the equation below:

$$\text{Victimization Rate} = \frac{\text{Number of Victims}}{\text{Population (or sub-population)}} \times 10,000$$

State and county population estimates used to calculate victimization rates were provided by the South Carolina Budget and Control Board, Office of Research and Statistics (ORS).

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STATEWIDE OVERVIEW OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Simple assault was the most frequently reported domestic violence offense, accounting for 66.6% of all domestic violence offenses.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE: Domestic violence consists of murder, negligent homicide, rape, forcible sodomy, sexual assault with an object, forcible fondling, robbery, aggravated assault, simple assault or intimidation where the victim was married or had previously been married to the offender, where the victim was related by blood or marriage to the offender or was romantically involved with the offender.

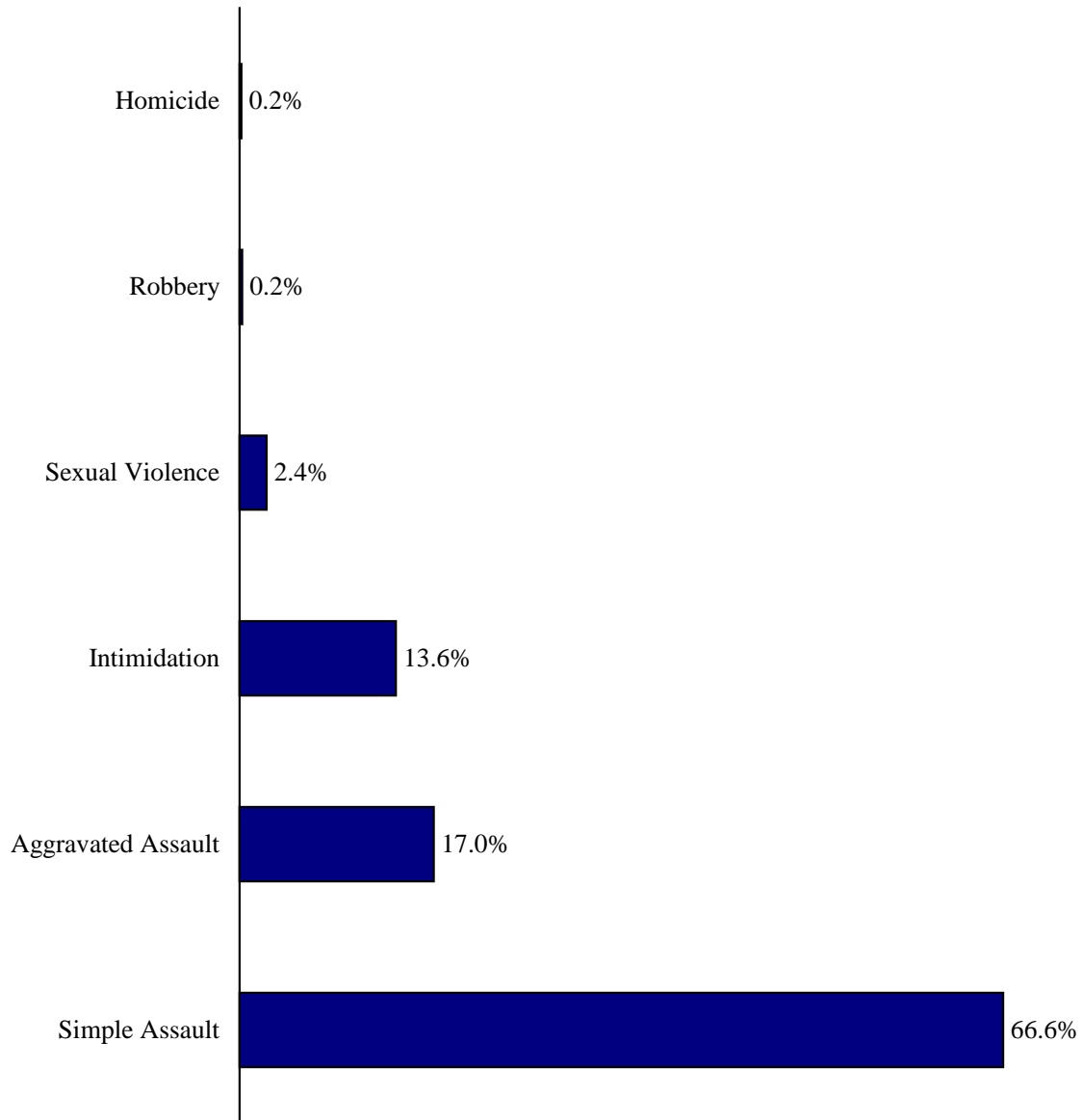
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OFFENSES 2005 - 2009

Offense	Number	Percent
Offense	Number	Percent
Homicide	442	0.2%
Murder	409	0.1%
Negligent Homicide	33	<0.1%
Sexual Violence	6,476	2.4%
Rape	2,324	0.9%
Forcible Sodomy	716	0.3%
Sexual Assault w/ Object	394	0.1%
Forcible Fondling	3,042	1.1%
Robbery	622	0.2%
Aggravated Assault	46,275	17.0%
Simple Assault	181,743	66.6%
Intimidation	37,205	13.6%
Total	272,763	100.0%

Notes: Up to five offenses can be reported per victim. The 272,763 offenses listed above represent the total of violent offenses (as defined by this report) committed against 272,661 victims of domestic violence. Because totals and subtotals for homicide and sexual violence are included in each column, neither the number nor the percent column will add up to the correct totals: i.e., those numbers are duplicative.

Source: SCIBRS, SLED.

Domestic Violence Offenses 2005 - 2009



Domestic victim to offender relationships were reported among 40.8% of all violent crime victims from 2005 through 2009.

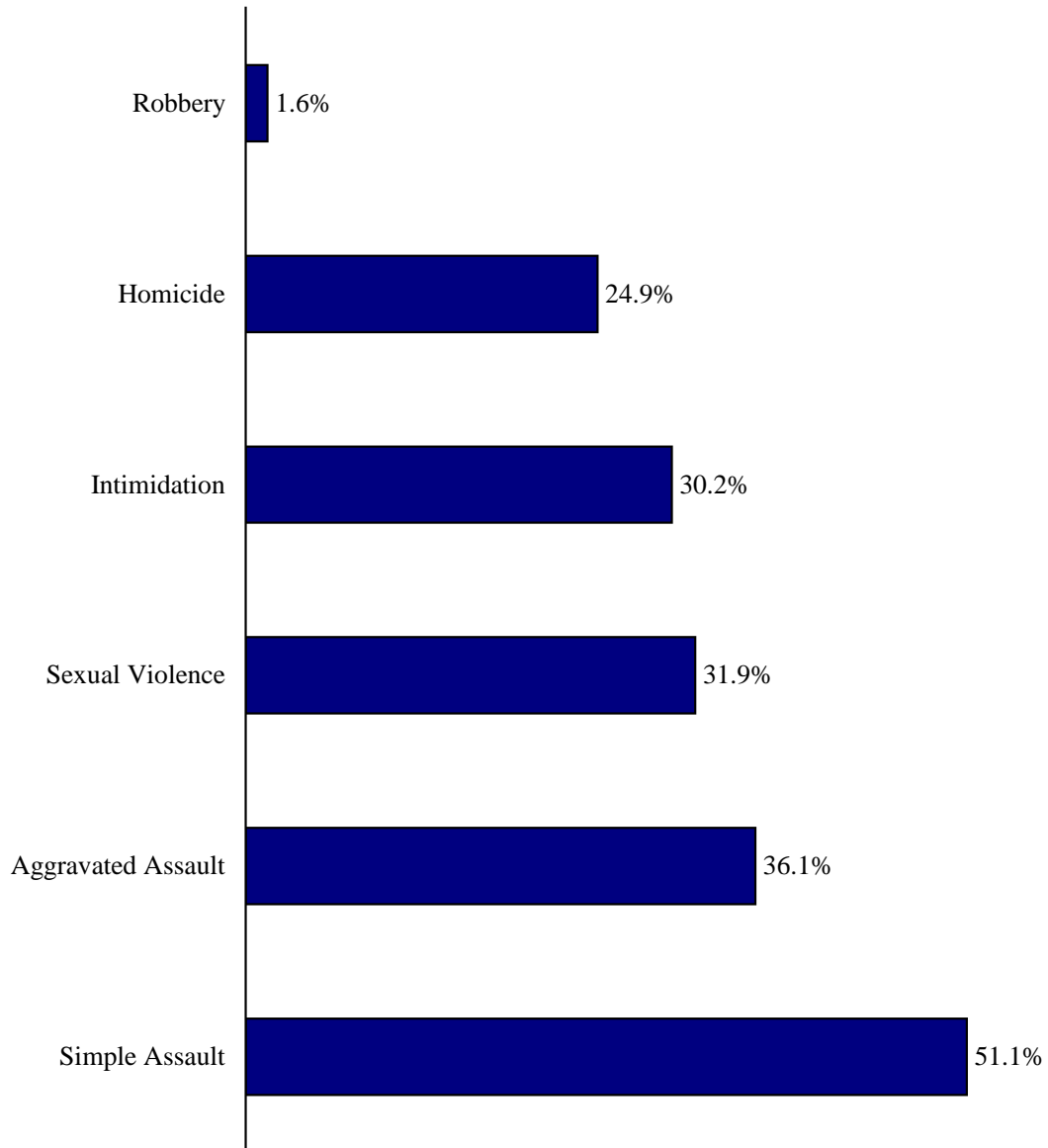
**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMIZATION
AS PART OF TOTAL VIOLENT VICTIMIZATION
2005 - 2009**

Offense	Domestic Violence Victims	Total Victims of Violence	Percent of Total Victims
Homicide	442	1,773	24.9%
Sexual Violence	6,476	20,326	31.9%
Robbery	622	40,091	1.6%
Aggravated Assault	46,275	128,082	36.1%
Simple Assault	181,743	355,605	51.1%
Intimidation	37,205	123,172	30.2%
Total	272,661	668,671	40.8%

Notes: Up to five offenses can be reported per victim. There were 272,763 violent offenses reported against 272,661 domestic violence victims. The Total row represents the number of victims reporting domestic violence, the number of victims reporting violence and the percent that the former represents of the latter. It does not represent the sum of domestic violence victims or total victims by each offense category. This distinction is necessary because some victims were victims of more than one offense. Consequently, the sum of the Domestic Violence Victims column and the Total Victims of Violence column exceeds the total shown at the bottom of each column.

Source: SCIBRS, SLED.

Domestic Violence as Part of Total Violence 2005 - 2009



Other offenses are sometimes reported in association with domestic violence offenses. The additional offense most often associated with domestic violence was vandalism.

OTHER OFFENSES: SCIBRS records up to five offenses per victim. Offenses other than those defined as domestic violence can be reported in association with domestic violence incidents.

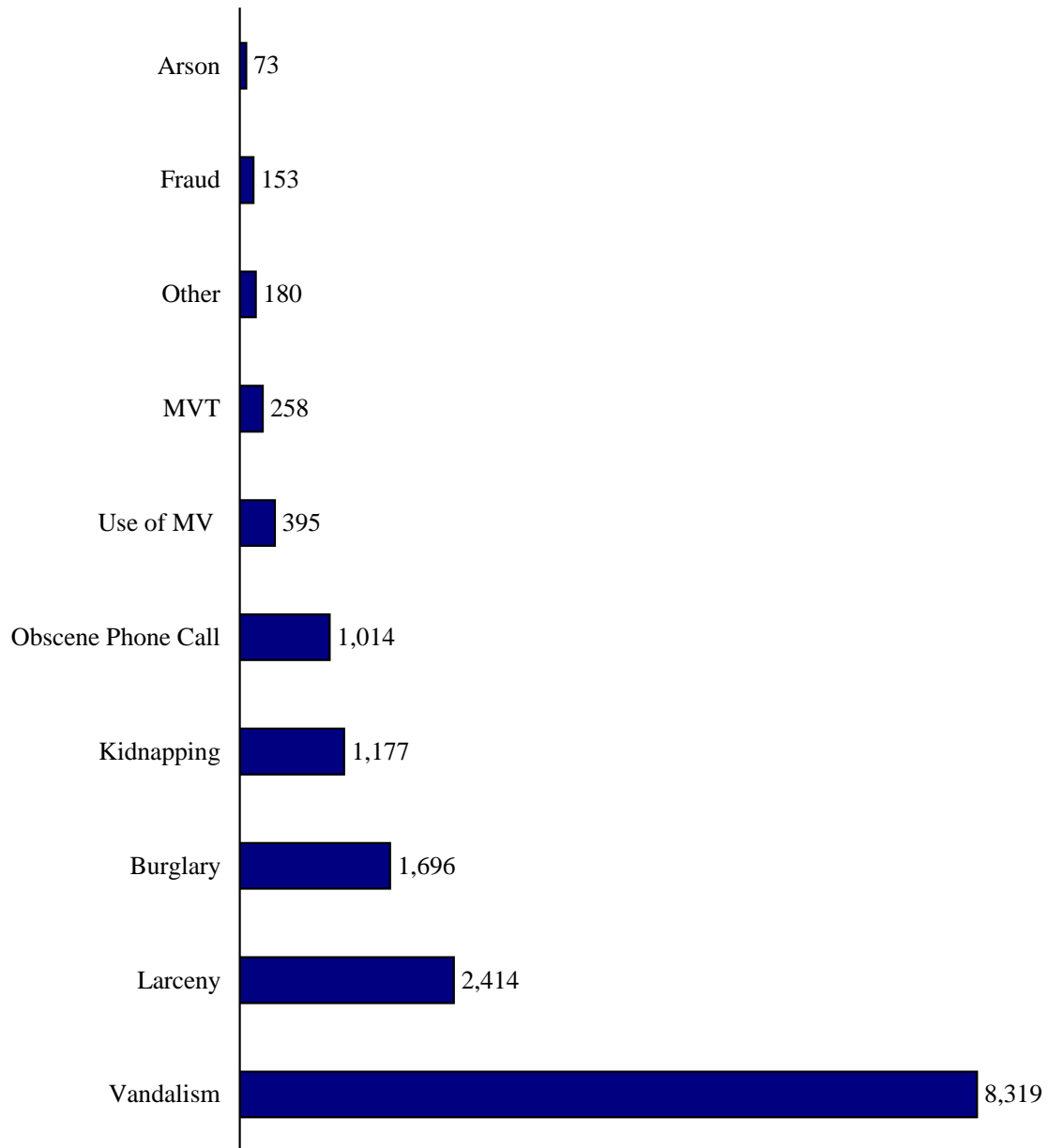
**OTHER OFFENSES ASSOCIATED WITH DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
2005 - 2009**

Offense	Number	Percent
Arson	73	0.5%
Burglary	1,696	10.8%
Fraud	153	1.0%
Kidnapping	1,177	7.5%
Larceny	2,414	15.4%
Motor Vehicle Theft	258	1.6%
Obscene Phone Call	1,014	6.5%
Other	180	1.1%
Use of Motor Vehicle Without Permission	395	2.5%
Vandalism	8,319	53.1%
Total	15,679	100.0%

Notes: Up to five offenses can be reported per victim. The 15,679 offenses listed above represent the other offenses in addition to domestic violence offenses reported against 272,661 domestic violence victims.

Source: SCIBRS, SLED.

Offenses Associated with Domestic Violence 2005 - 2009



Domestic violence was reported most frequently between 9:00 and 9:59 PM.

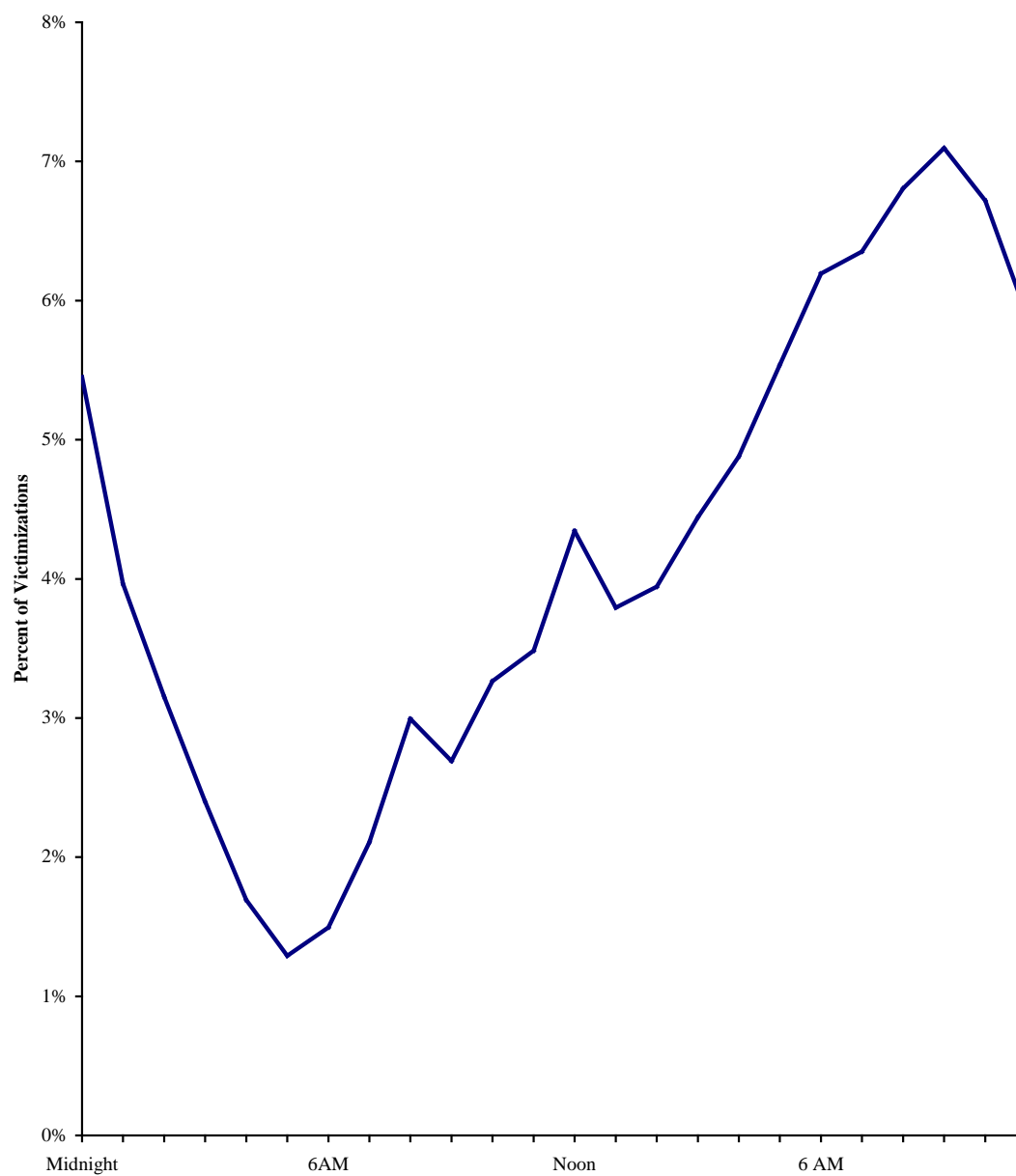
**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE BY TIME OF DAY
2005 - 2009**

Time of Day	Number	Percent
Midnight - 12:59 AM	14,768	5.4%
1:00- 1:59 AM	10,743	4.0%
2:00 - 2:59 AM	8,541	3.2%
3:00 - 3:59 AM	6,503	2.4%
4:00 - 4:59 AM	4,584	1.7%
5:00 - 5:59 AM	3,501	1.3%
6:00 - 6:59 AM	4,050	1.5%
7:00 - 7:59 AM	5,710	2.1%
8:00 - 8:59 AM	8,115	3.0%
9:00 - 9:59 AM	7,293	2.7%
10:00 - 10:59 AM	8,847	3.3%
11:00 - 11:59 AM	9,443	3.5%
Noon - 12:59 PM	11,772	4.3%
1:00 - 1:59 PM	10,278	3.8%
2:00 - 2:59 PM	10,688	3.9%
3:00 - 3:59 PM	12,041	4.4%
4:00 - 4:59 PM	13,225	4.9%
5:00 - 5:59 PM	15,006	5.5%
6:00 - 6:59 PM	16,788	6.2%
7:00 - 7:59 PM	17,214	6.4%
8:00 - 8:59 PM	18,445	6.8%
9:00 - 9:59 PM	19,232	7.1%
10:00 - 10:59 PM	18,207	6.7%
11:00 - 11:59 PM	16,007	5.9%
Total	271,001	100.0%

Note: 1,660 cases were missing time data.

Source: SCIBRS, SLED.

Domestic Violence by Time of Day 2005 - 2009



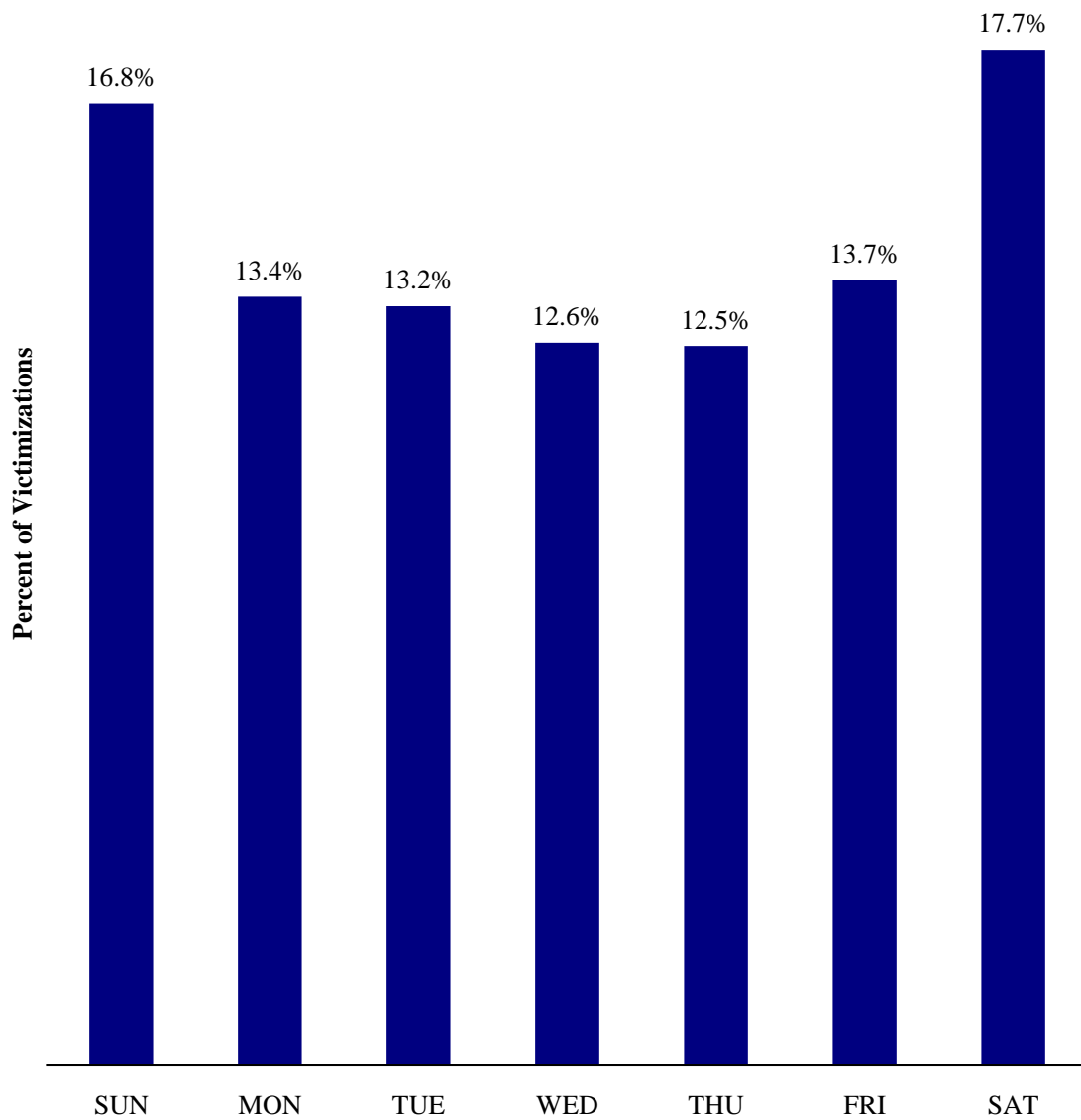
More domestic violence was reported on Saturday than any other day of the week.

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE BY DAY OF THE WEEK
2005 - 2009**

Day of the Week	Number	Percent
Sunday	45,766	16.8%
Monday	36,552	13.4%
Tuesday	36,101	13.2%
Wednesday	34,357	12.6%
Thursday	34,208	12.5%
Friday	37,344	13.7%
Saturday	48,333	17.7%
Total	272,661	100.0%

Source: SCIBRS, SLED.

Domestic Violence by Day of the Week 2005 - 2009



The five most frequent times of the day/day of the week during which domestic violence was reported, were all on Saturday evening and Sunday at midnight.

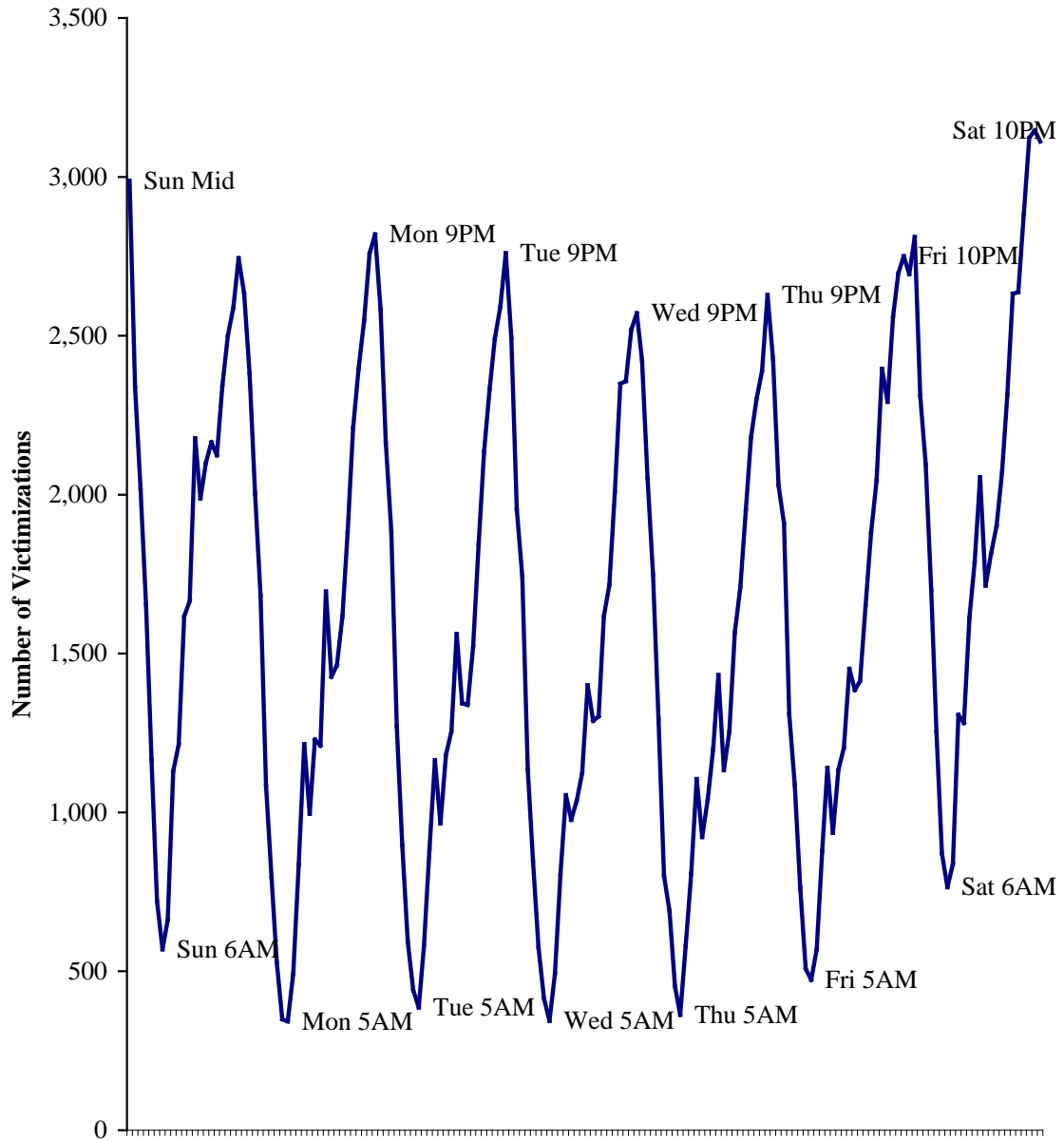
**MOST FREQUENT DAYS OF THE WEEK/TIMES OF THE DAY
FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
2005 - 2009**

Day & Time	Number	Percent
Saturday 10:00 PM	3,146	1.16%
Saturday 9:00 PM	3,123	1.15%
Saturday 11:00 PM	3,111	1.15%
Sunday Midnight	2,988	1.10%
Saturday 8:00 PM	2,882	1.06%
Monday 9:00 PM	2,819	1.04%
Saturday Midnight	2,811	1.04%
Monday 8:00 PM	2,760	1.02%
Tuesday 9:00 PM	2,760	1.02%
Friday 10:00 PM	2,751	1.02%
Sunday 8:00 PM	2,744	1.01%
Friday 9:00 PM	2,696	0.99%
Friday 11:00 PM	2,694	0.99%
Saturday 7:00 PM	2,637	0.97%
Sunday 9:00 PM	2,635	0.97%
Saturday 6:00 PM	2,632	0.97%
Thursday 9:00 PM	2,628	0.97%
Tuesday 8:00 PM	2,591	0.96%
Sunday 7:00 PM	2,589	0.96%
Monday 10:00 PM	2,583	0.95%
Wednesday 9:00 PM	2,571	0.95%

Notes: Only days of the week/times of the day accounting for 0.95% or more of the 271,001 domestic violence victims with time of day data are included in the chart. The highlighted days of the week/times of day represent the most frequently reported time of day for that day of the week. Times represent the hour from the time noted up to the start of the following hour; e.g., Saturday 9:00 PM includes any domestic violence occurring from 9:00 PM on a Saturday through 9:59 PM on Saturday.

Source: SCIBRS, SLED.

Domestic Violence by Time and Day 2005 - 2009



There were 442 deaths resulting from domestic violence. The most commonly reported injury category was minor injuries.

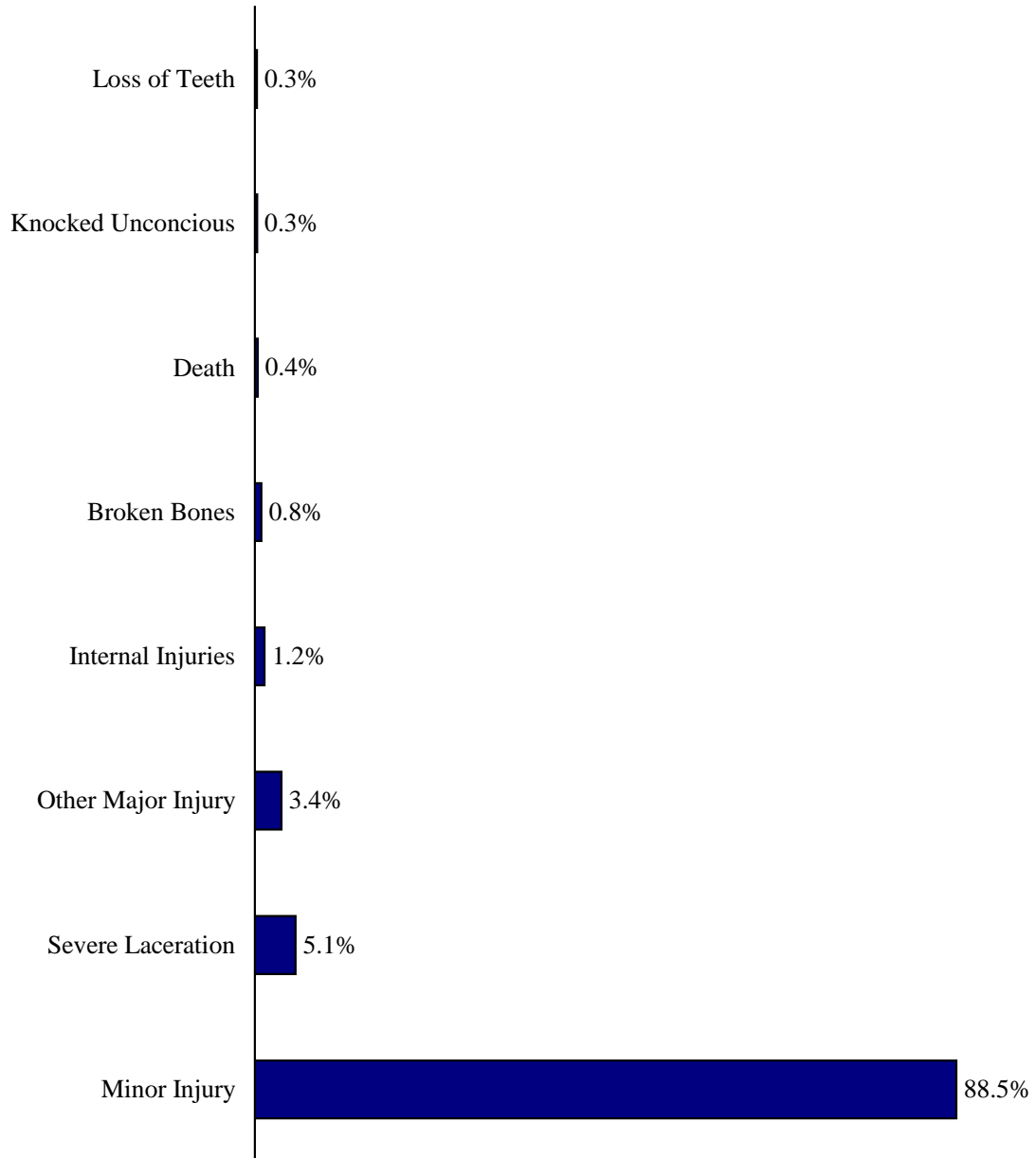
**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INJURIES
2005 - 2009**

Injury	Number	Percent
Broken Bones	1,001	0.8%
Death	442	0.4%
Internal Injuries	1,502	1.2%
Knocked Unconscious	347	0.3%
Loss of Teeth	324	0.3%
Minor Injury	107,806	88.5%
Other Major Injury	4,086	3.4%
Severe Laceration	6,262	5.1%
Total	121,770	100.0%

Notes: SCIBRS allows up to 5 injuries to be reported per victim. The 121,770 injuries represent the total number of injuries reported for 120,306 domestic violence victims with a reported injury or death.

Source: SCIBRS, SLED.

Domestic Violence Injuries 2005 - 2009



The domestic violence victimization rate among females was 168.8% higher than the domestic violence victimization rate among males.

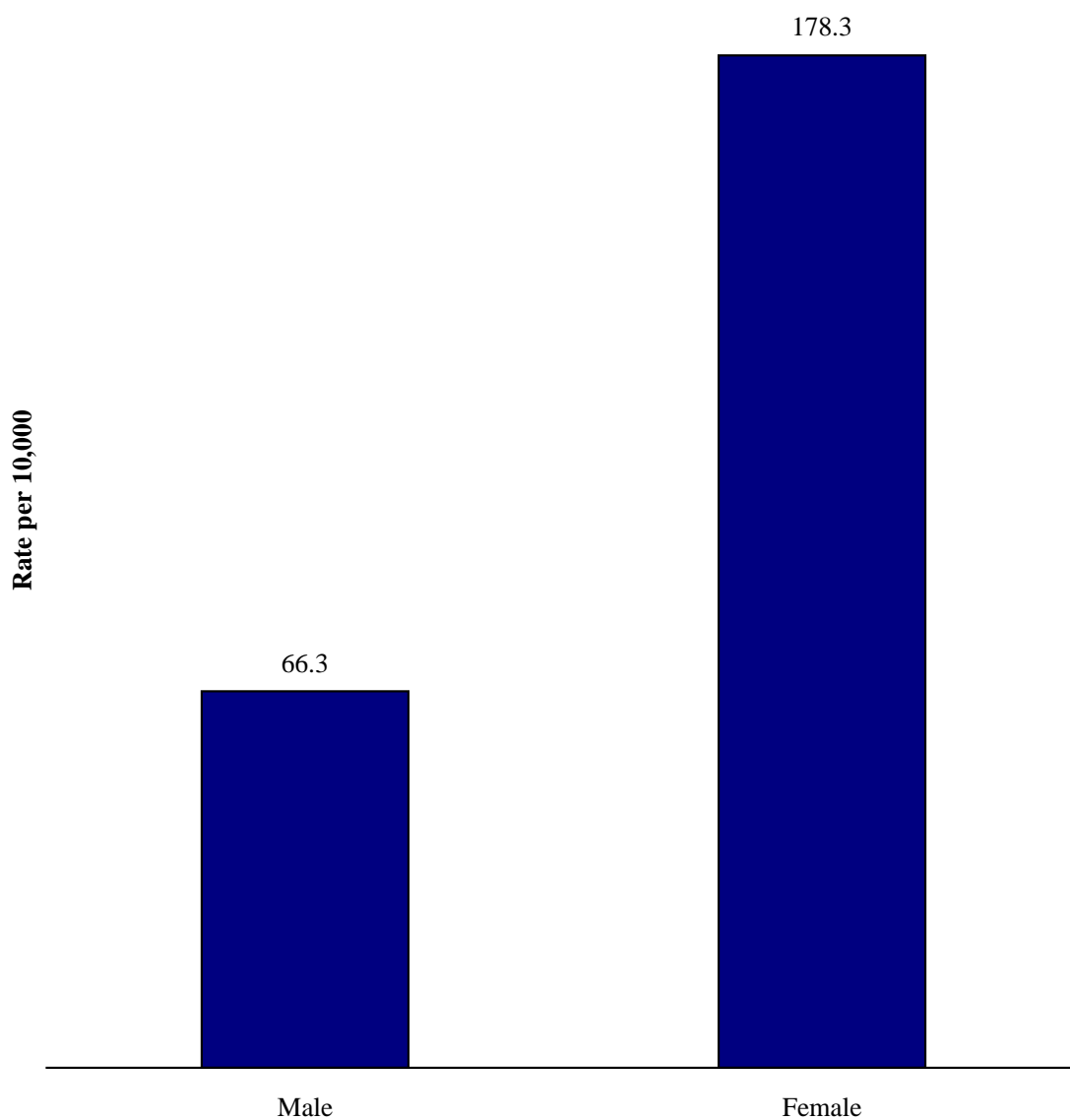
**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMIZATION BY SEX
2005 - 2009**

Sex	Number of Victims	Percent	Rate
Female	201,483	73.9%	178.3
Male	71,105	26.1%	66.3
Unknown	73	<0.1%	NA
Total	272,661	100.0%	123.8

Note: Victimization rate is expressed per 10,000.

Source: SCIBRS, SLED.

Domestic Violence Victimization by Sex 2005 - 2009



The domestic violence victimization rate was highest among the 18 to 24 year old age group.

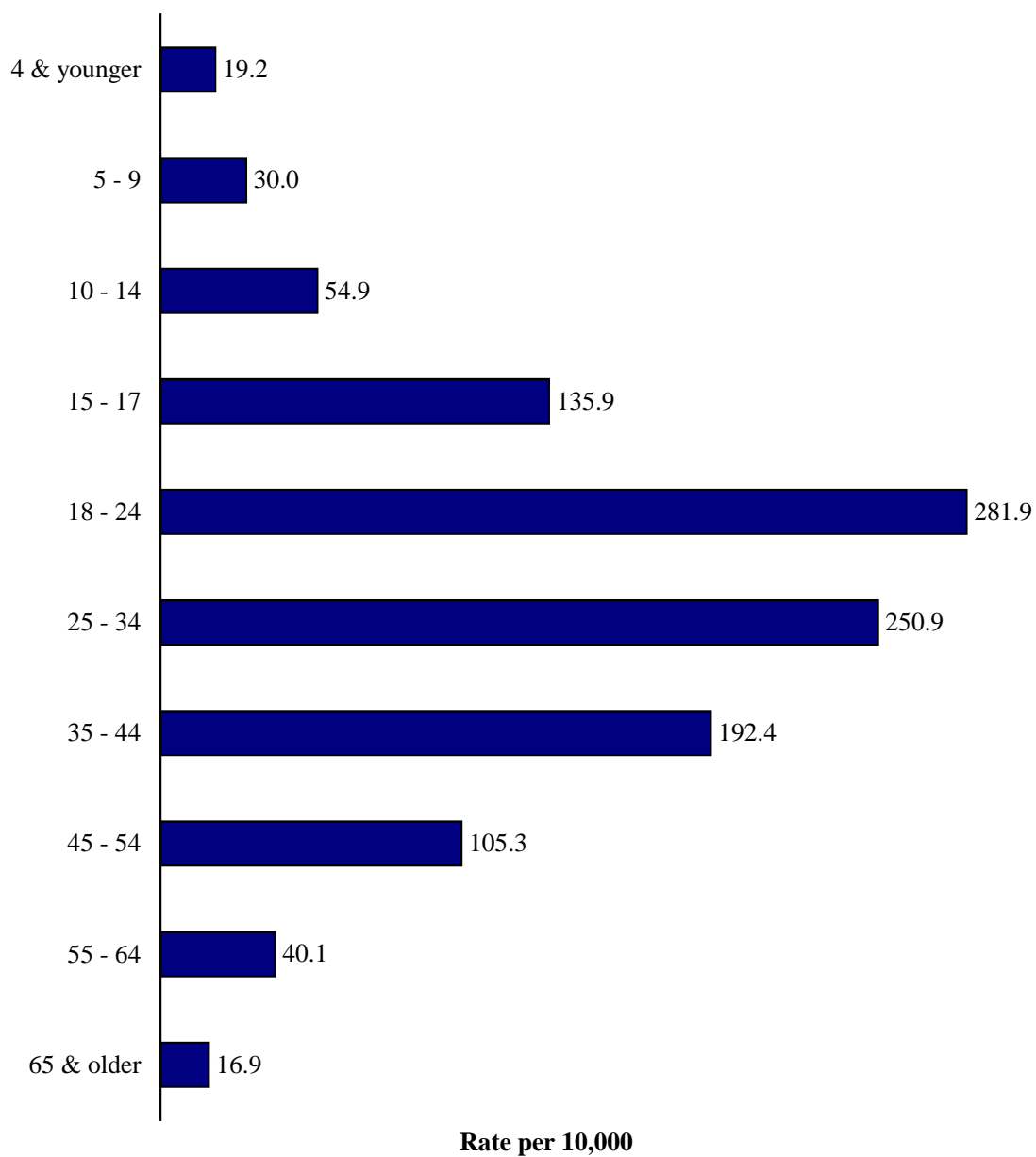
**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMIZATION BY AGE
2005 - 2009**

Age Group	Number of Victims	Percent	Rate
4 & younger	2,839	1.1%	19.2
5 - 9	4,284	1.6%	30.0
10 - 14	7,920	3.0%	54.9
15 - 17	12,666	4.7%	135.9
18 - 24	61,133	22.8%	281.9
25 - 34	72,318	27.0%	250.9
35 - 44	58,594	21.8%	192.4
45 - 54	33,150	12.4%	105.3
55 - 64	10,466	3.9%	40.1
65 & older	4,874	1.8%	16.9
Total	268,224	100.0%	123.8

Notes: 4,417 victims were missing age data or had age entered as a range. The total victimization rate includes victims with missing age data. Victimization rate is expressed per 10,000.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; population estimates, ORS.

Domestic Violence Victimization by Age 2005 - 2009



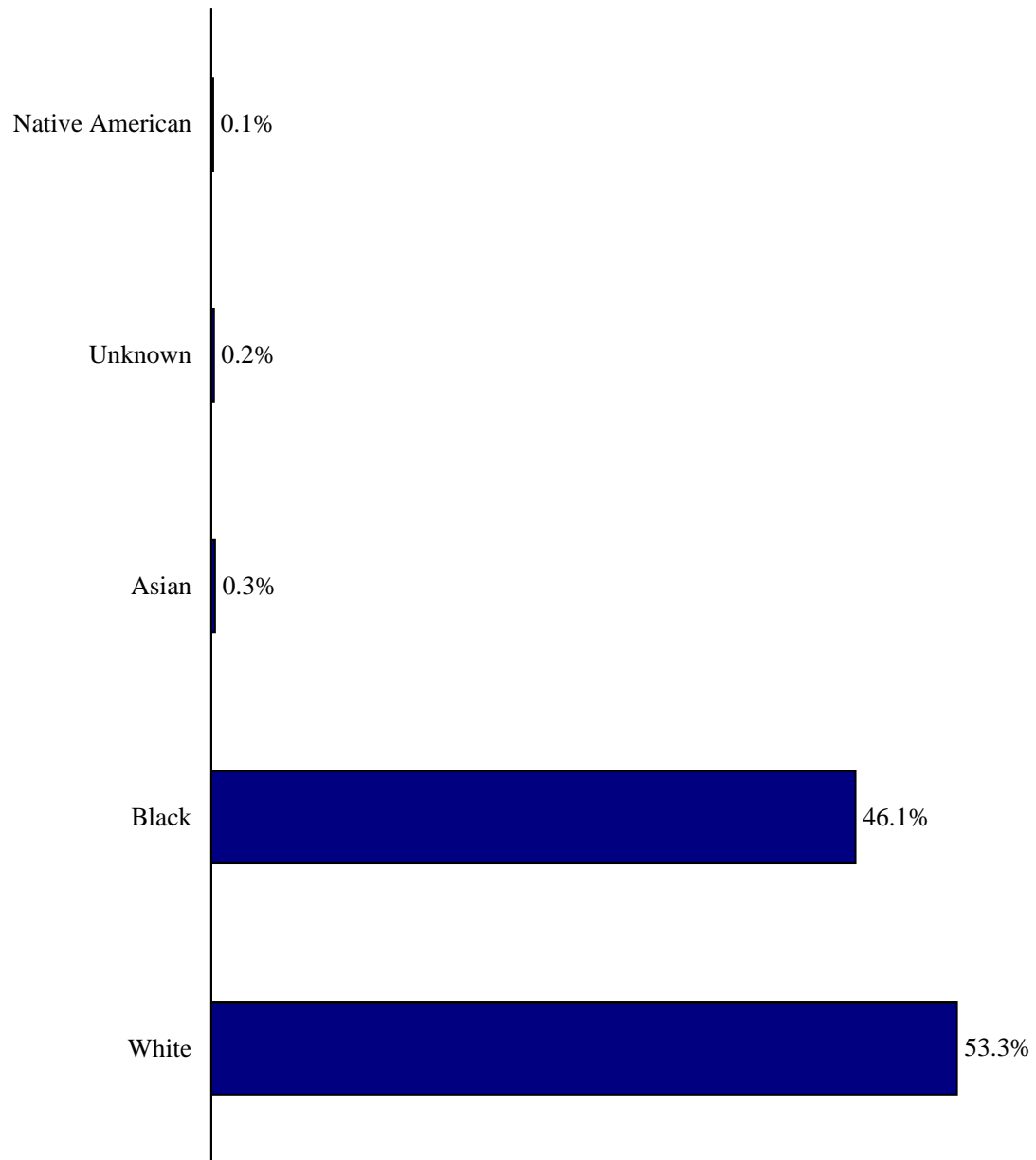
***White victims accounted for 53.3% of domestic violence victims,
Black victims accounted for 46.1%.***

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMIZATION BY RACE
2005 - 2009**

Race	Number	Percent
Asian	699	0.3%
Black	125,619	46.1%
Native American	380	0.1%
Unknown	526	0.2%
White	145,437	53.3%
Total	272,661	100.0%

Source: SCIBRS, SLED.

Domestic Violence Victimization by Race 2005 - 2009



The domestic violence victimization rate among the Non-White population was 70% higher than the domestic violence victimization rate among the White population.

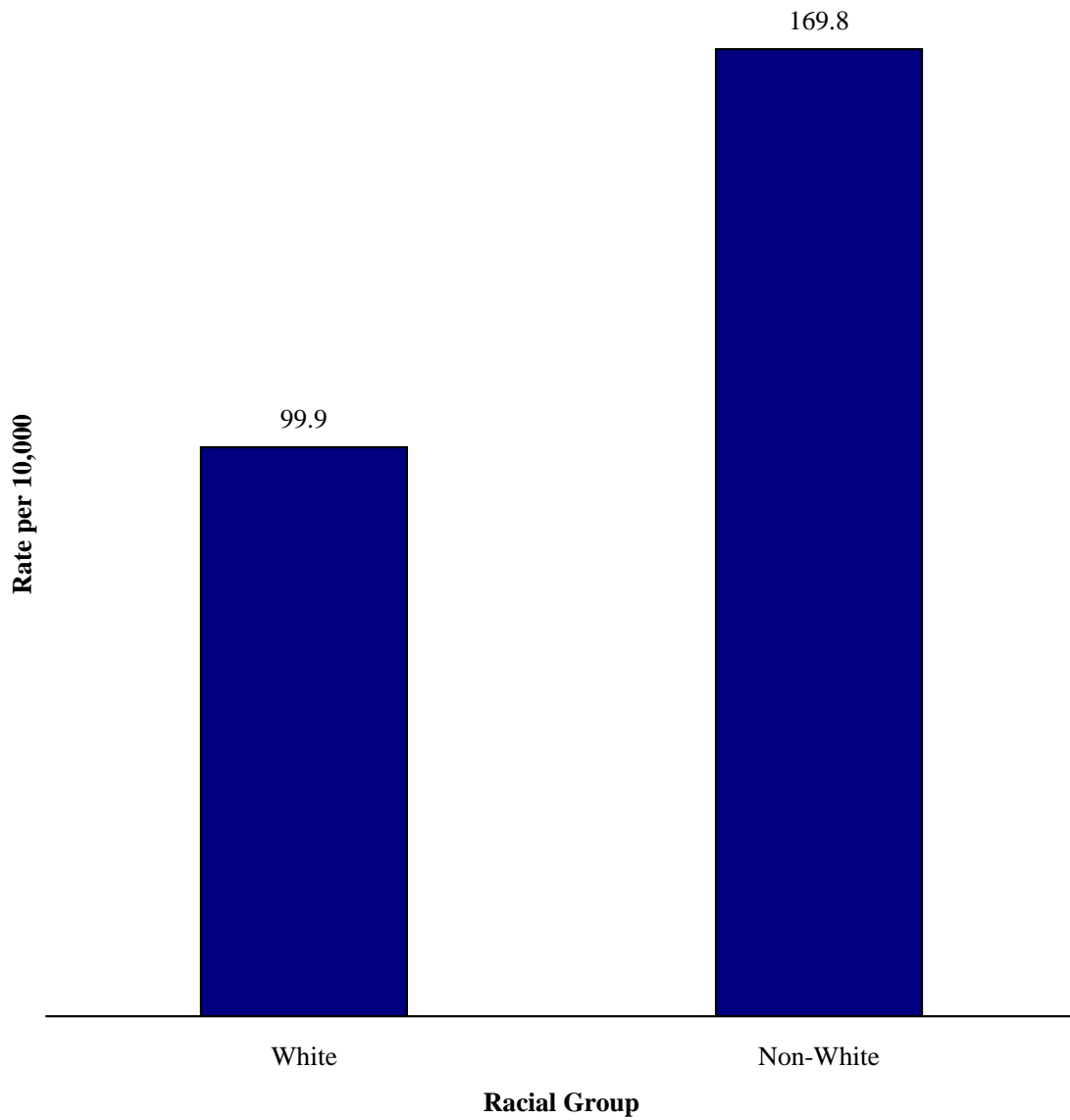
**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMIZATION BY RACIAL GROUP
2005 - 2009**

Racial Group	Number of Victims	Percent	Rate
Non-White	126,698	46.5%	169.8
Unknown	526	0.2%	NA
White	145,437	53.3%	99.9
Total	272,661	100.0%	123.8

Notes: SCIBRS categorizes race as Asian, Black, Native American or White. The ORS population estimates have additional categories. The collapsed categories of White and Non-White were used to calculate victimization rates since the racial categories used by SCIBRS and the population estimates do not match exactly. The victimization rate is expressed per 10,000.

Sources: SCIBRS data, SLED; population estimates, ORS.

Domestic Violence Victimization by Racial Group 2005 - 2009



The domestic violence victimization rate among Hispanics was 37.7% lower than the domestic violence victimization rate among Non-Hispanics.

ETHNICITY: SCIBRS categorizes ethnicity into two categories: Hispanic and Non-Hispanic. SCIBRS also measures ethnicity separately from race. As a result, a victim of domestic violence should be classified as having both a racial category and an ethnic category.

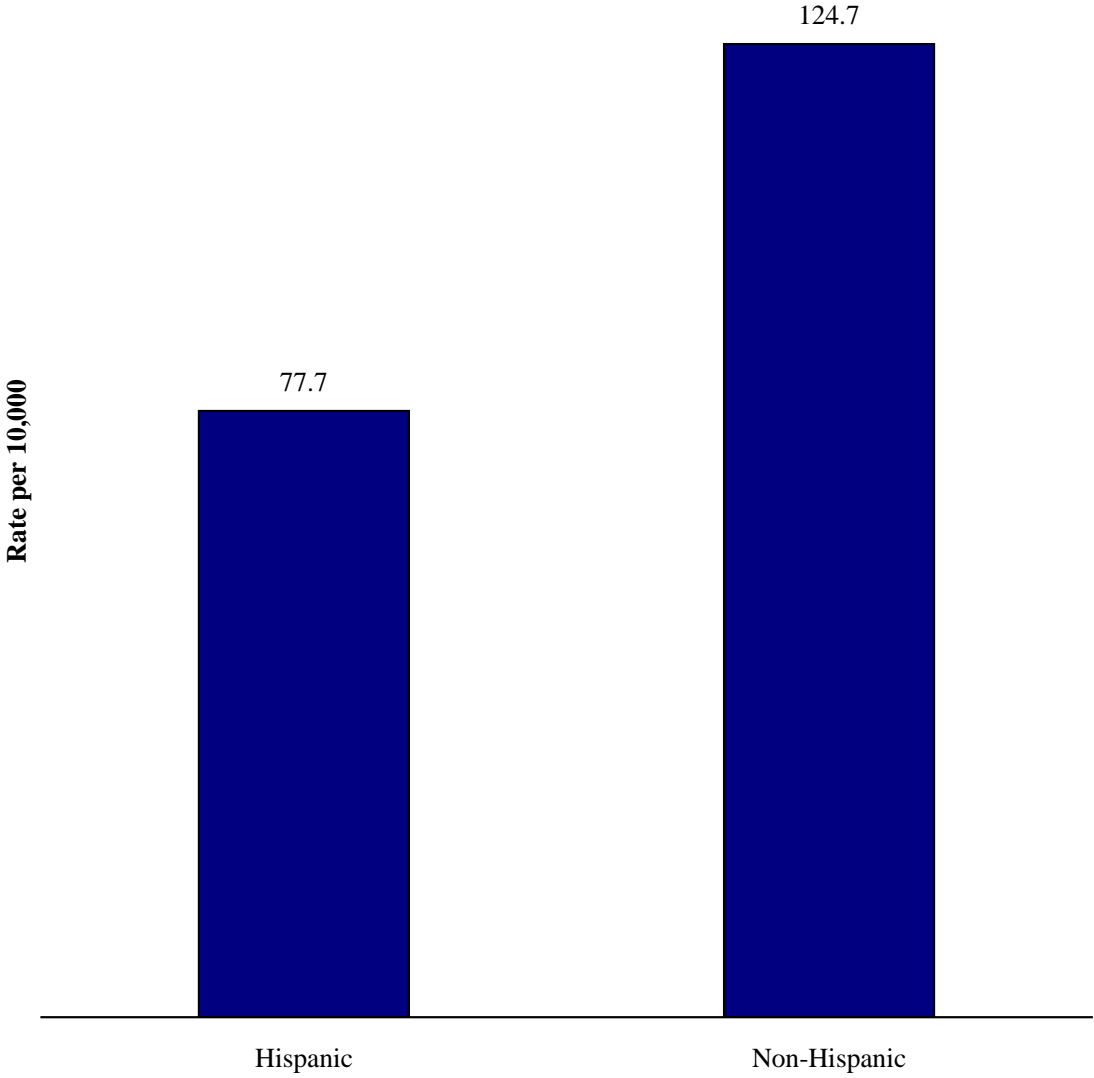
**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMIZATION BY ETHNICITY
2005 - 2009**

Ethnicity	Number of Victims	Percent	Rate
Hispanic	6,684	2.5%	77.7
Non-Hispanic	263,943	96.8%	124.7
Unknown	2,034	0.7%	NA
Total	272,661	100.0%	123.8

Note: Victimization rate is expressed per 10,000.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; population estimates, ORS.

**Domestic Violence Victimization
by Ethnicity
2005 - 2009**



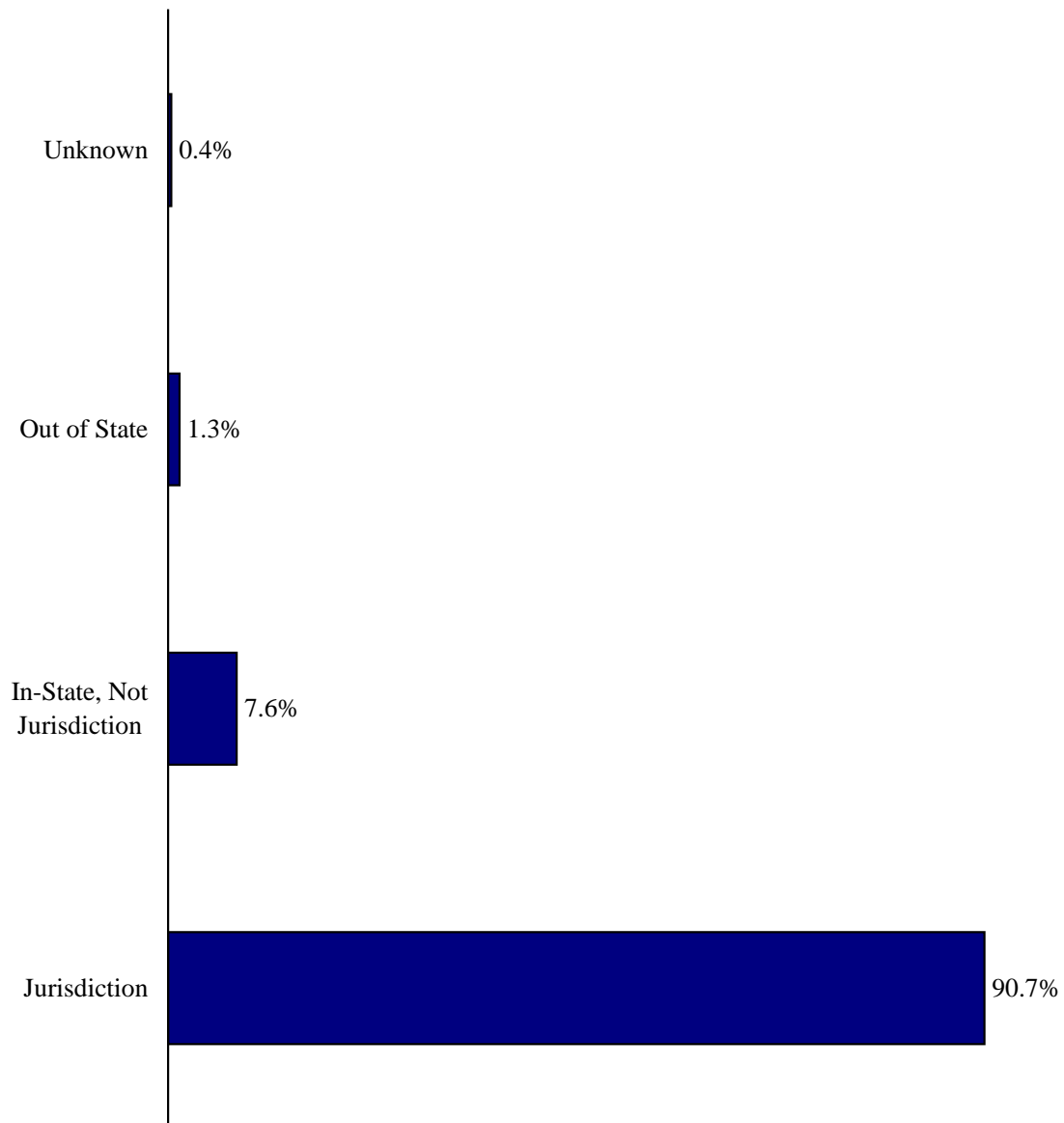
Victims of domestic violence were most often residents of the jurisdiction where the incident was reported.

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE BY VICTIM RESIDENCE STATUS
2005 - 2009**

Victim Residence	Number	Percent
Reporting Jurisdiction	247,434	90.7%
Out of State	3,484	1.3%
In-State, Not in Jurisdiction	20,784	7.6%
Unknown	959	0.4%
Total	272,661	100.0%

Source: SCIBRS data, SLED.

Domestic Violence Victimization by Victim Residence Status 2005 - 2009



The most frequently reported type of victim to offender relationship among domestic violence victims involved a romantic relationship between the victim and the offender.

VICTIM TO OFFENDER RELATIONSHIP: SCIBRS records the relationship between the victim and offender into one of 26 categories. For the purpose of this report, four broad categories encompassing domestic relationships were constructed: ex-spouse, family, marital and romantic.

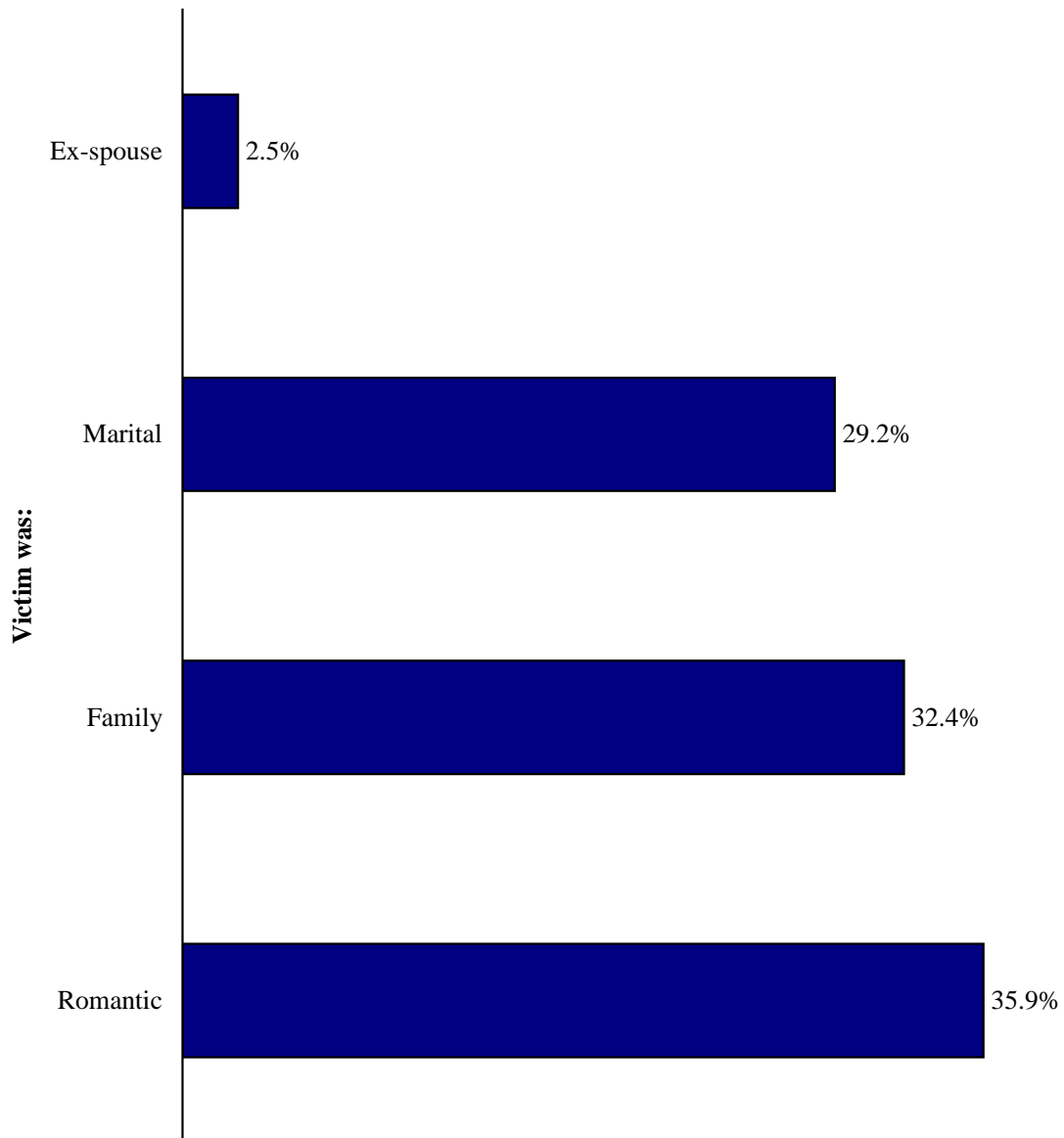
**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMIZATION
BY VICTIM/OFFENDER REALTIONSHIP
2005 - 2009**

Victim Was:	Number	Percent
Ex-spouse	6,824	2.5%
Family	88,762	32.4%
Marital	80,219	29.2%
Romantic	98,514	35.9%
Total	274,319	100.0%

Notes: SCIBRS allows up to 10 victim to offender relationships to be recorded per victim. This is needed to provide complete data in cases where more than one offender is involved. As a result, the number of victim to offender relationships can exceed the number of victims.

Source: SCIBRS, SLED.

Domestic Violence Victimization by Victim to Offender Relationship 2005 - 2009



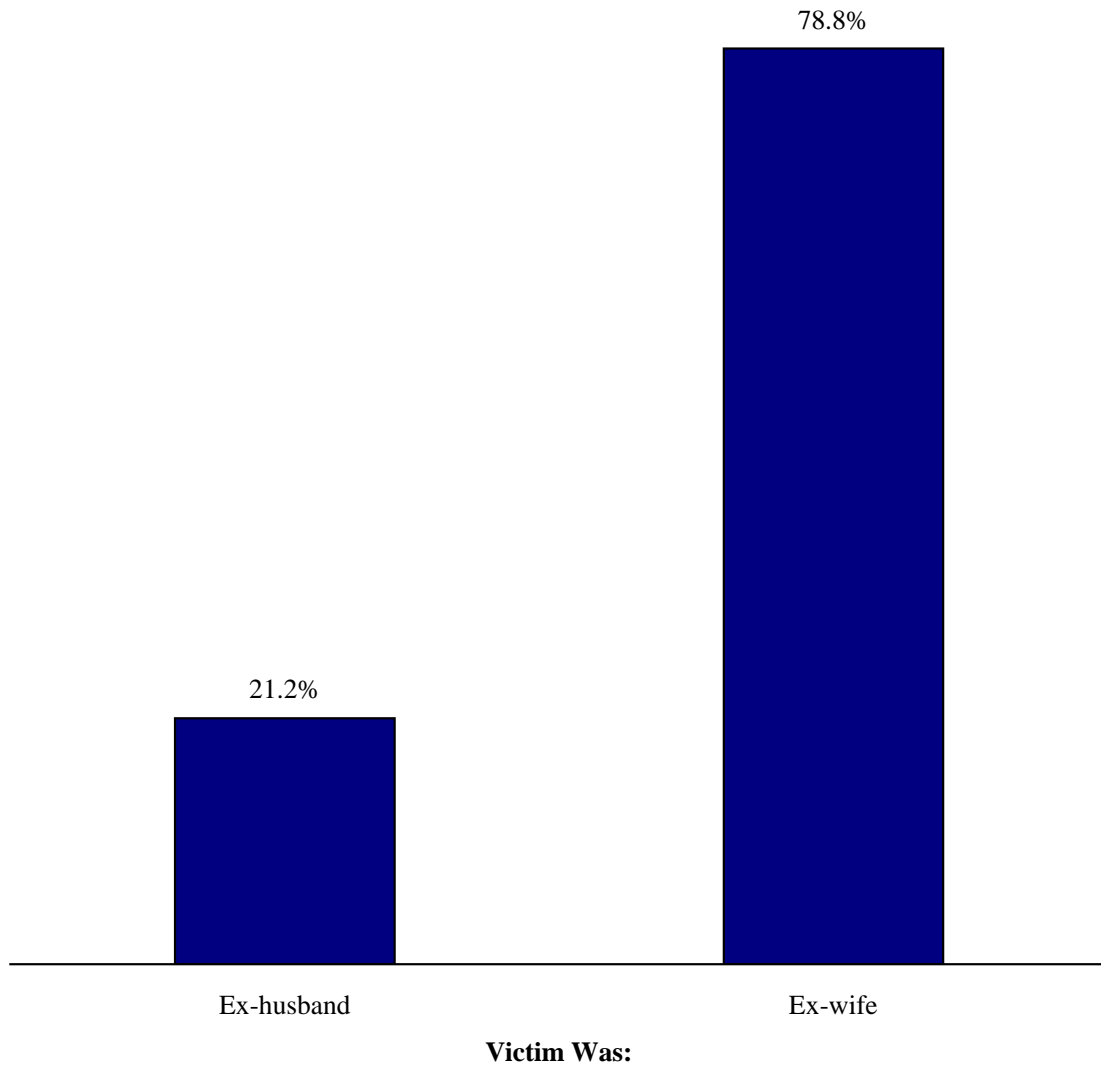
Ex-wives made up 78.8% of the domestic violence victims resulting from violence between ex-spouses.

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMIZATION
BETWEEN EX-SPOUSES
2005 - 2009**

Victim Was:	Number	Percent
Ex-Husband	1,445	21.2%
Ex-Wife	5,379	78.8%
Total	6,824	100.0%

Source: SCIBRS, SLED.

**Victim to Offender Relationships in
Ex-Marital Violence
2005 - 2009**



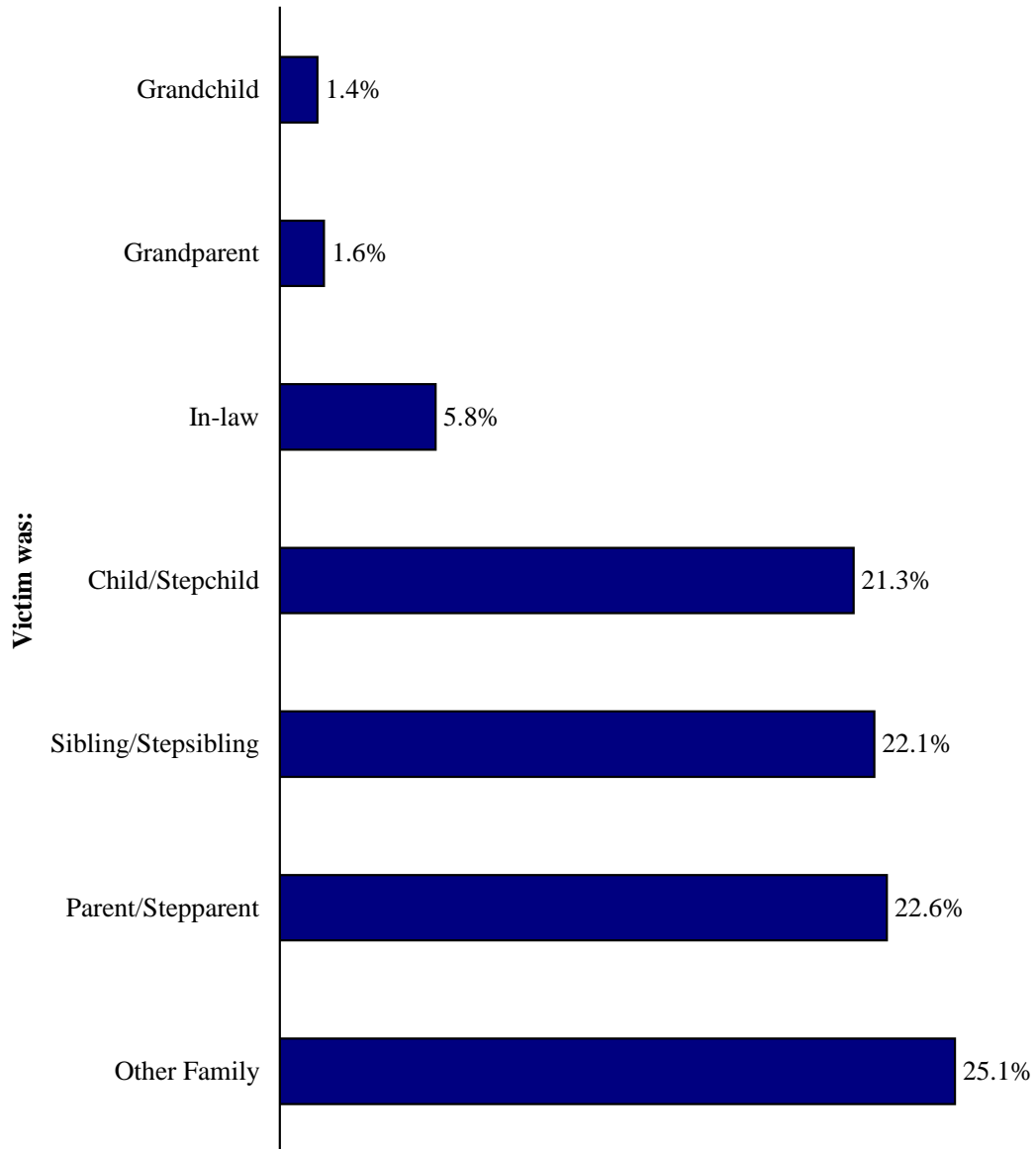
Other family members, a category which includes extended family members such as cousins, aunts, uncles, nephews and nieces was the most frequently reported victim to offender relationship in family violence, and accounted for 25.1% of family domestic violence victims.

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMIZATION
AMONG FAMILY MEMBERS
2005 - 2009**

Victim Was:	Number	Percent
Child	17,072	17.6%
Grandchild	1,354	1.4%
Grandparent	1,594	1.6%
In-law	5,607	5.8%
Other Family	24,320	25.1%
Parent	18,624	19.2%
Sibling	20,749	21.4%
Stepchild	3,594	3.7%
Stepparent	3,241	3.3%
Stepsibling	665	0.7%
Total	96,820	100.0%

Source: SCIBRS, SLED.

Domestic Violence Victimization In Families by Relationship 2005 - 2009



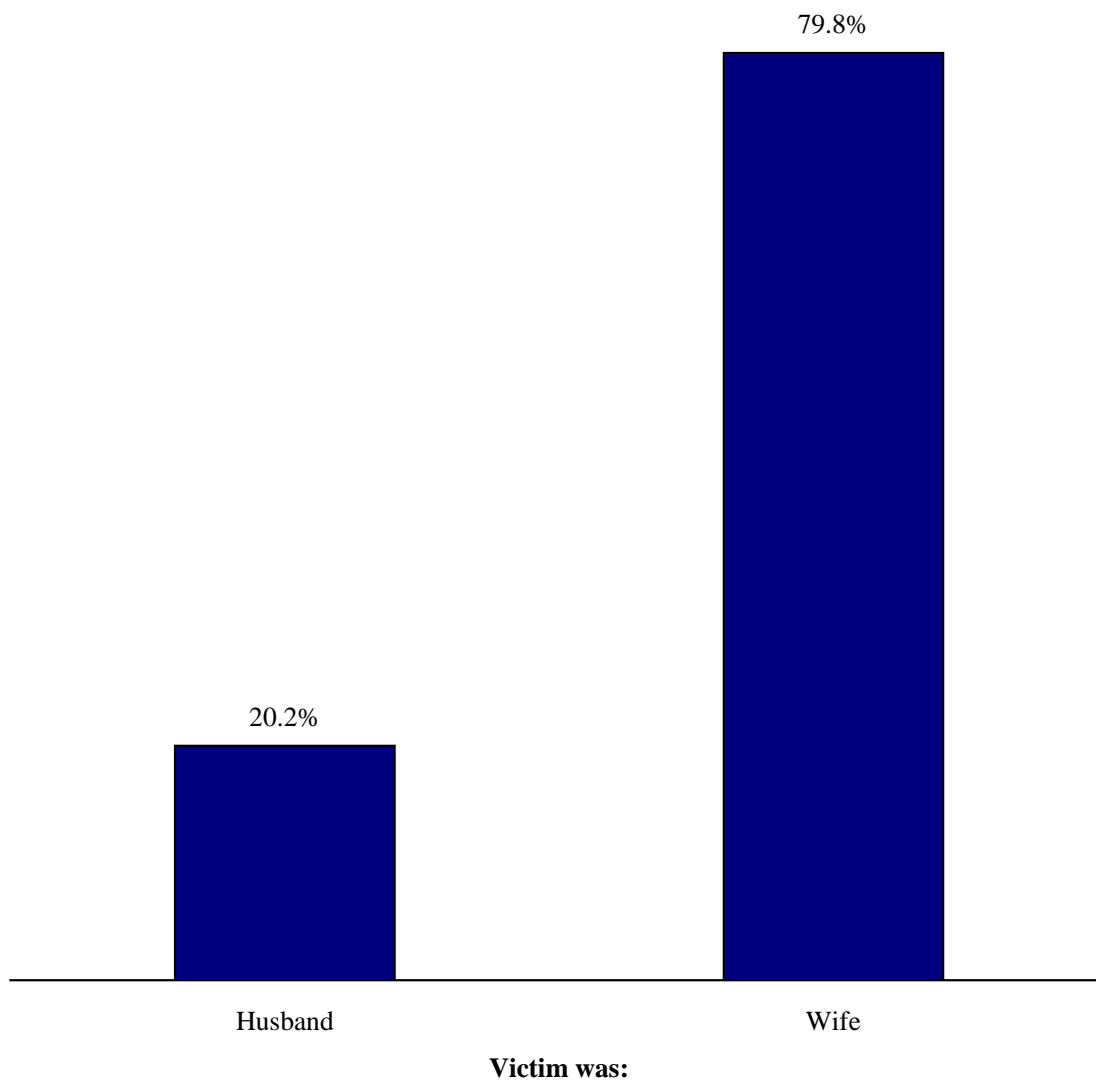
Wives accounted for 79.8% of the victims of domestic violence between spouses.

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMIZATION
BETWEEN SPOUSES
2005 - 2009**

Victim Was:	Number	Percent
Husband	16,184	20.2%
Wife	64,031	79.8%
Unknown	4	<0.1%
Total	80,219	100.0%

Source: SCIBRS data, SLED.

Domestic Violence Victimization Between Spouses by Relationship 2005 - 2009



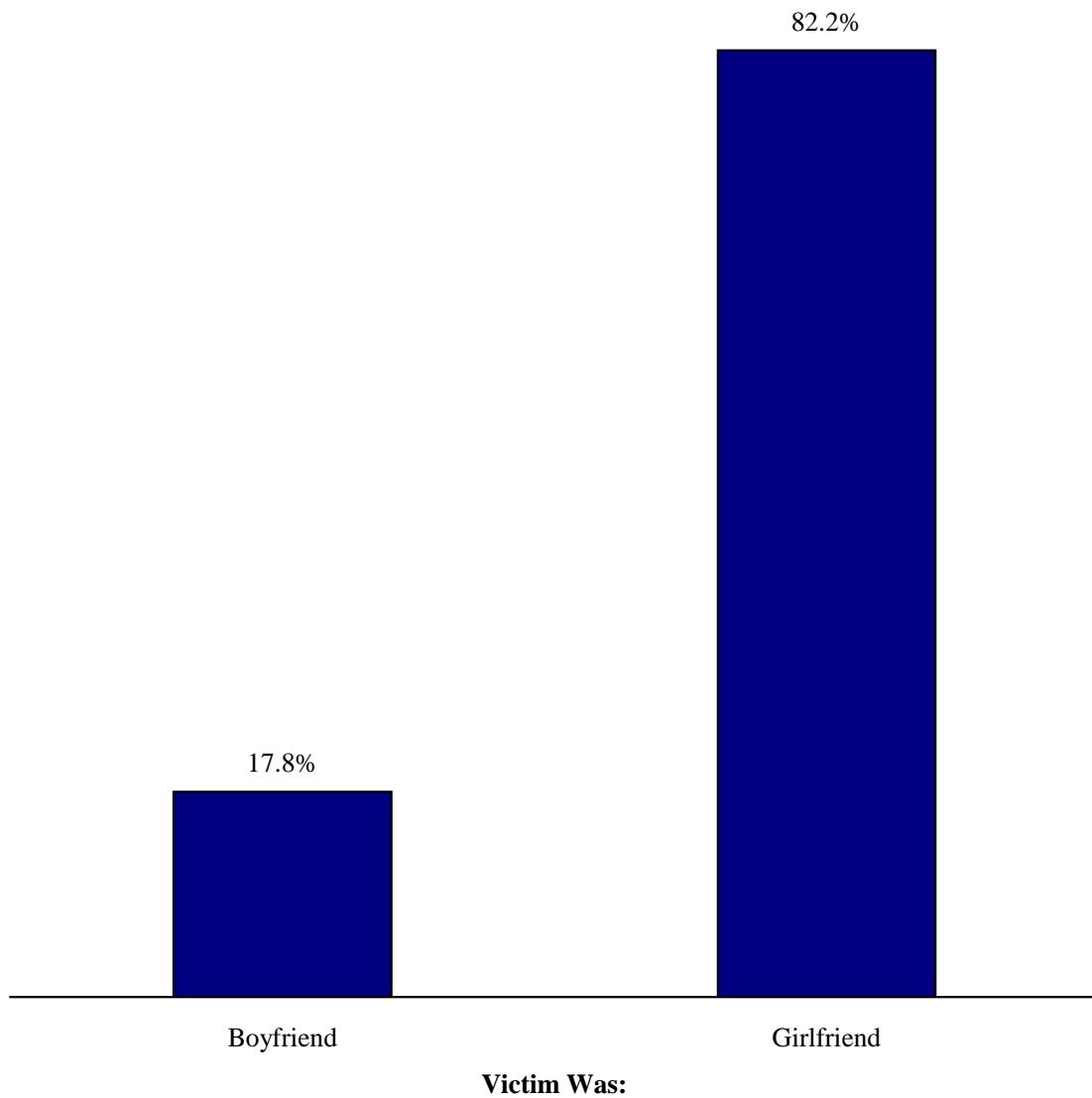
Girlfriends accounted for 82.2% of the victims of domestic violence occurring in romantic relationships.

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMIZATION
BETWEEN PARTNERS
IN ROMANTIC RELATIONSHIPS
2005 - 2009**

Victim Was:	Number	Percent
Boyfriend	17,561	17.8%
Girlfriend	80,944	82.2%
Unknown	9	<0.1%
Total	98,514	100.0%

Source: SCIBRS, SLED.

**Domestic Violence Victimization
In Romantic Relationships
2005 - 2009**



The 18 to 24 year old age group accounted for 34.7% of domestic violence victims within romantic relationships.

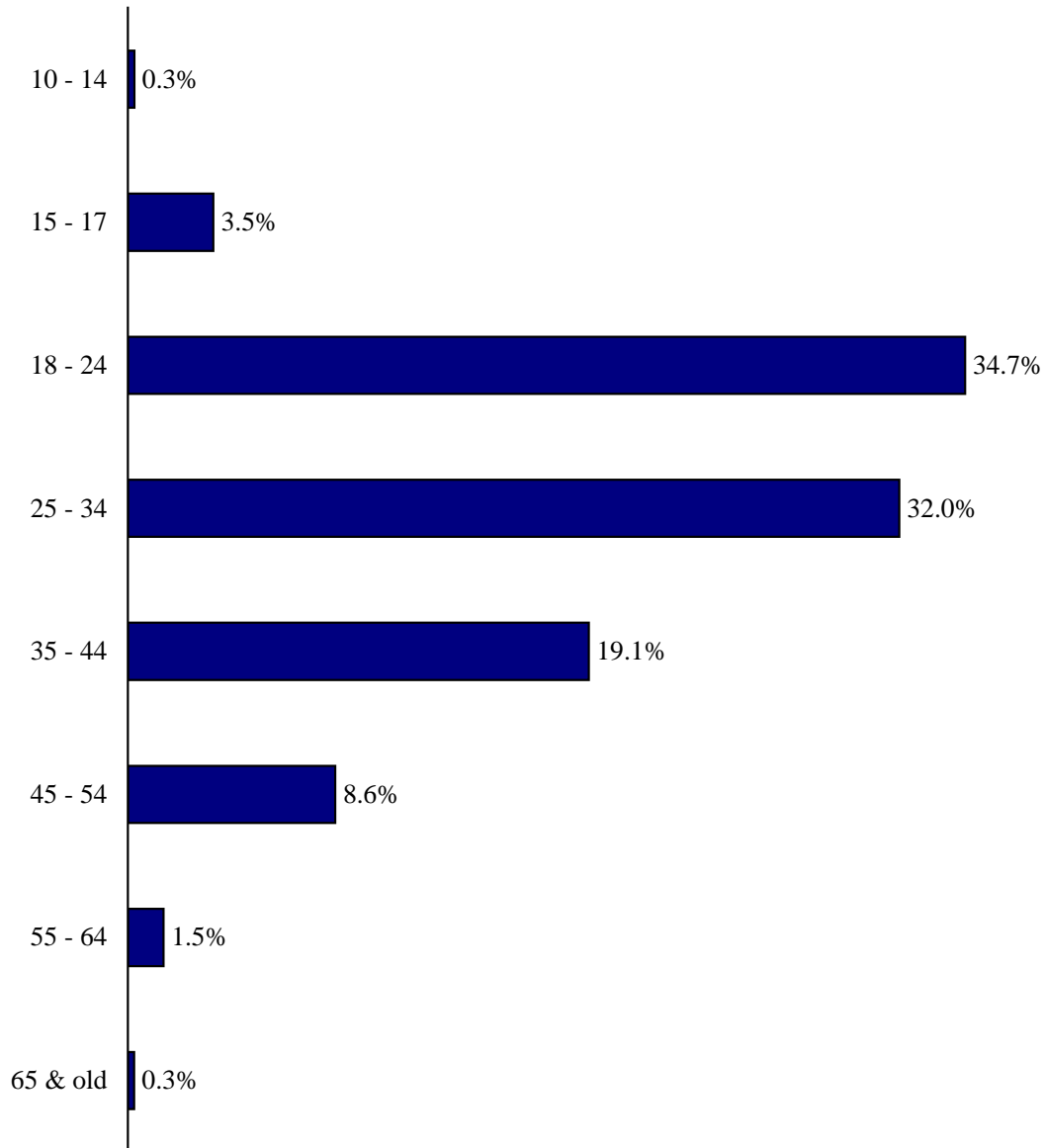
**VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
IN ROMANTIC RELATIONSHIPS
BY AGE
2005 - 2009**

Age Group	Number of Victims	Percent
10 - 14	260	0.3%
15 - 17	3,446	3.5%
18 - 24	33,740	34.7%
25 - 34	31,090	32.0%
35 - 44	18,572	19.1%
45 - 54	8,357	8.6%
55 - 64	1,440	1.5%
65 & older	253	0.3%
Total	97,158	100.0%

Notes: 1,356 victims were missing age data or had age entered as a range.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; population estimates, ORS.

Victims of Domestic Violence in Romantic Relationships by Age 2005 - 2009



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STATEWIDE FIVE YEAR TRENDS IN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

The domestic violence victimization rate dropped 23.3% from 2005 to 2009.

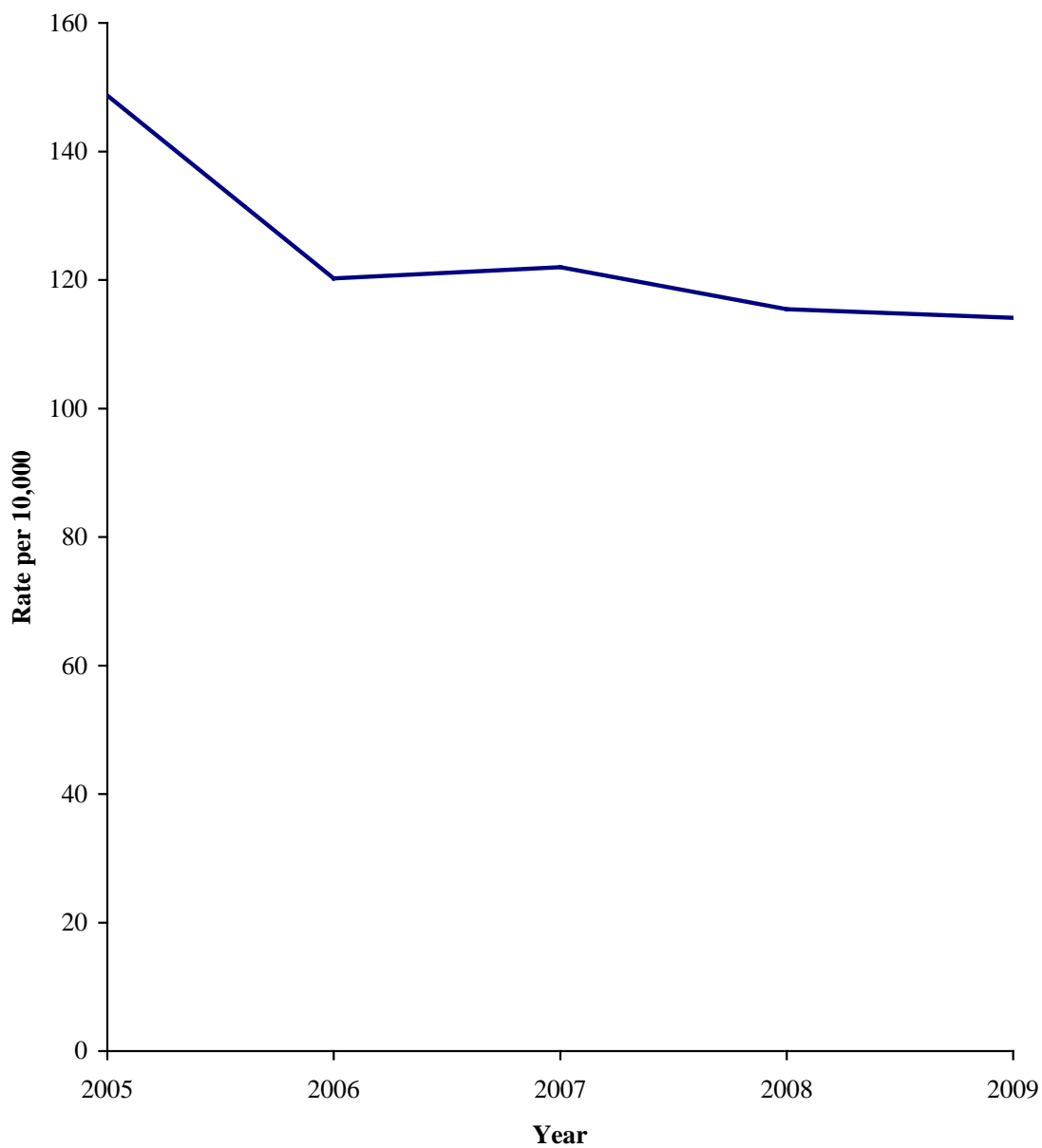
**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
FIVE YEAR STATEWIDE TREND
2005 - 2009**

Year	Number of Victims	Victimization Rate	Change from Previous Year
2005	63,197	148.7	
2006	52,001	120.2	-19.2%
2007	53,727	122.0	+1.4%
2008	51,713	115.4	-5.4%
2009	52,023	114.1	-1.2%

Notes: Change from previous year represents the change in the victimization rate.
Victimization rate is expressed per 10,000.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; population estimates, ORS.

South Carolina Domestic Violence Victimization Rates



The domestic homicide victimization rate dropped 19.3% from 2005 to 2009.

DOMESTIC HOMICIDE: Domestic homicide consists of the offenses of murder and negligent manslaughter where the victim and offender was or had been married, had a familial relationship or was romantically involved.

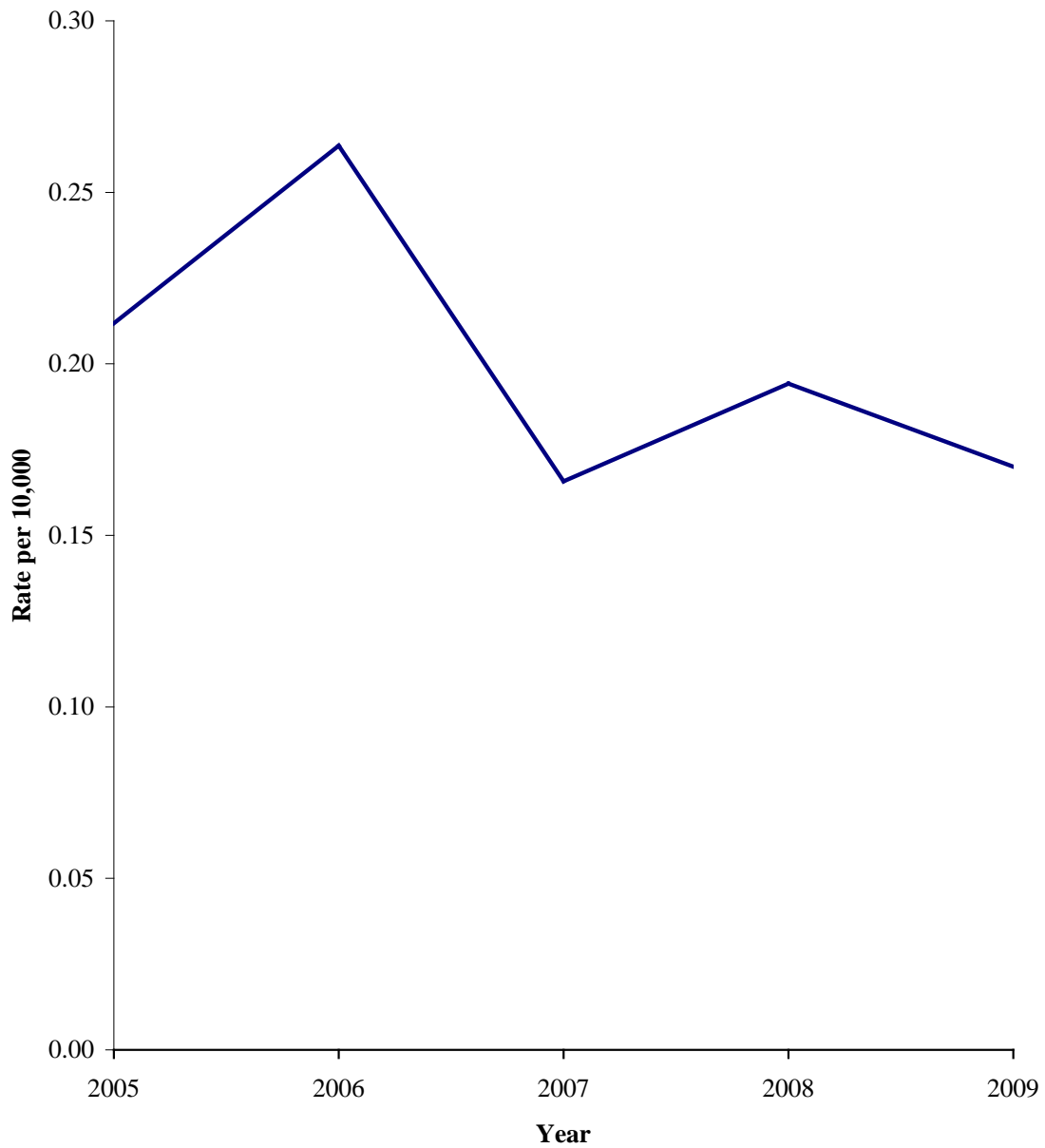
**DOMESTIC HOMICIDE
FIVE YEAR STATEWIDE TREND
2005 - 2009**

Year	Number of Victims	Victimization Rate	Change from Previous Year
2005	90	0.21	
2006	114	0.26	+24.5%
2007	73	0.17	-37.1%
2008	87	0.19	+17.2%
2009	78	0.17	-11.9%

Notes: Change from previous year represents the change in the victimization rate. Victimization rate is expressed per 10,000.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; population estimates, ORS.

South Carolina Domestic Homicide Victimization Rate



The domestic sexual violence victimization rate decreased 21.2% from 2005 to 2009.

DOMESTIC SEXUAL VIOLENCE: Domestic sexual violence consists of the offenses of rape, forcible sodomy, sexual assault with an object, or forcible fondling, where the victim and offender was or had been married, had a familial relationship or was romantically involved.

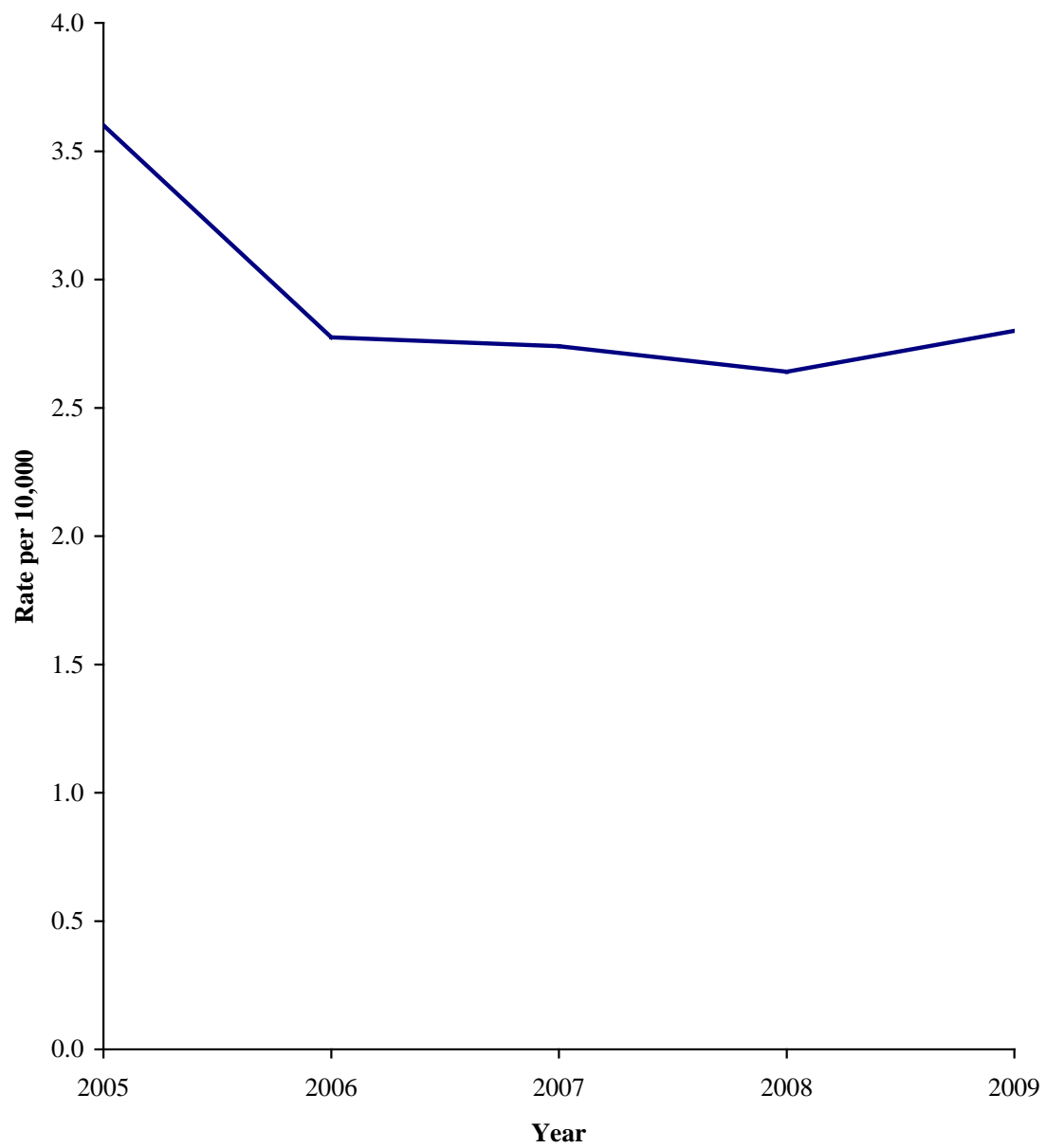
**DOMESTIC SEXUAL VIOLENCE
FIVE YEAR STATEWIDE TREND
2005 - 2009**

Year	Number of Victims	Victimization Rate	Change from Previous Year
2005	1,530	3.6	
2006	1,200	2.8	-22.9%
2007	1,207	2.7	-1.2%
2008	1,183	2.6	-3.6%
2009	1,294	2.8	+7.4%

Notes: Change from previous year represents the change in the victimization rate. Victimization rate is expressed per 10,000.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; population estimates, ORS.

South Carolina Domestic Sexual Violence Victimization Rate



The domestic robbery victimization rate decreased 13.8% from 2005 to 2009.

DOMESTIC ROBBERY: Domestic robbery consists of the taking or attempted taking of anything of value from the custody, care or control of a person or persons by force or the threat of force, by violence or by putting the victim in fear, where the victim and offender was or had been married, had a familial relationship or was romantically involved

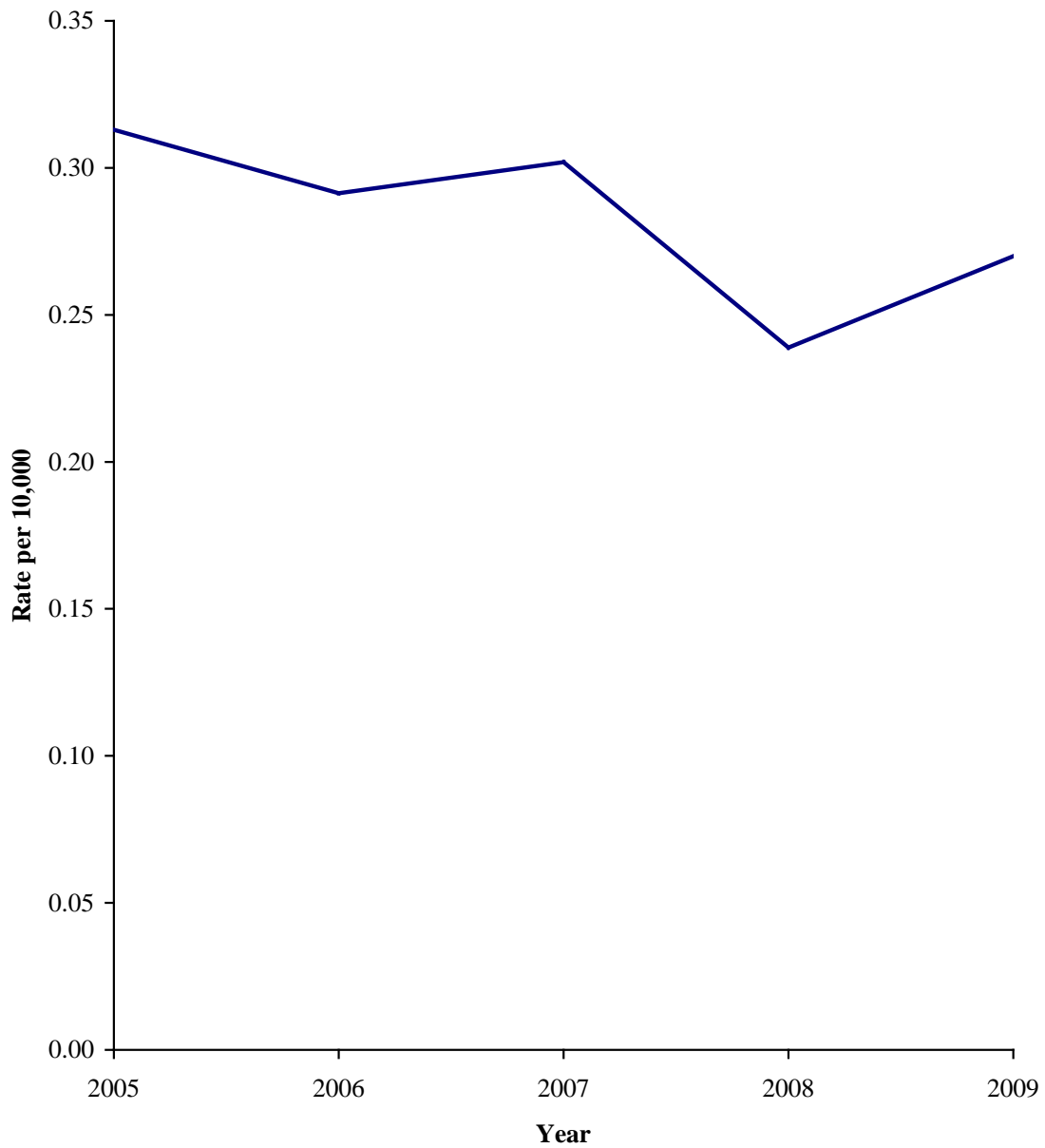
**DOMESTIC ROBBERY
FIVE YEAR STATEWIDE TREND
2005 - 2009**

Year	Number of Victims	Victimization Rate	Change from Previous Year
2005	133	0.31	
2006	126	0.29	-6.9%
2007	133	0.30	3.6%
2008	107	0.24	-20.9%
2009	123	0.27	+12.9%

Notes: Change from previous year represents the change in the victimization rate. Victimization rate is expressed per 10,000.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; population estimates, ORS.

South Carolina Domestic Robbery Victimization Rate



The domestic aggravated assault victimization rate decreased 25.6% from 2005 to 2009.

DOMESTIC AGGRAVATED ASSAULT: Domestic aggravated assault is an unlawful attack for the purpose of inflicting serious bodily injury where the victim and offender was or had been married, had a familial relationship or was romantically involved

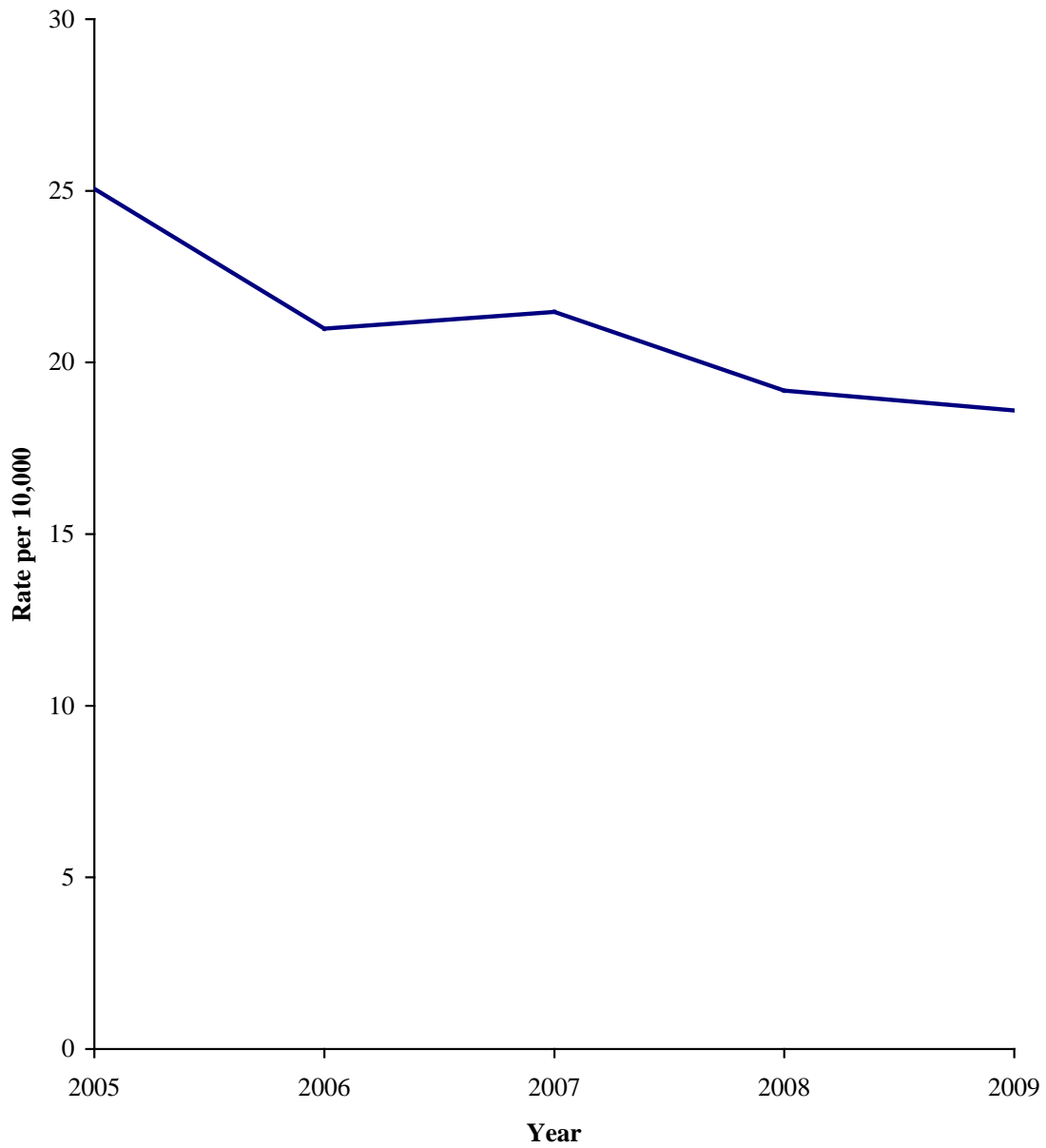
**DOMESTIC AGGRAVATED ASSAULT
FIVE YEAR STATEWIDE TREND
2005 - 2009**

Year	Number of Victims	Victimization Rate	Change from Previous Year
2005	10,647	25.1	
2006	9,074	21.0	-16.3%
2007	9,459	21.5	+2.3%
2008	8,591	19.2	-10.7%
2009	8,504	18.6	-2.8%

Notes: Change from previous year represents the change in the victimization rate. Victimization rate is expressed per 10,000.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; population estimates, ORS.

South Carolina Domestic Aggravated Assault Victimization Rate



The domestic simple assault victimization rate decreased 19.2% from 2005 to 2009.

DOMESTIC SIMPLE ASSAULT: Domestic simple assault is an unlawful attack upon a person where the offender does not display a weapon, where the victim does not suffer severe bodily injury, and where the victim and offender was or had been married, had a familial relationship or was romantically involved

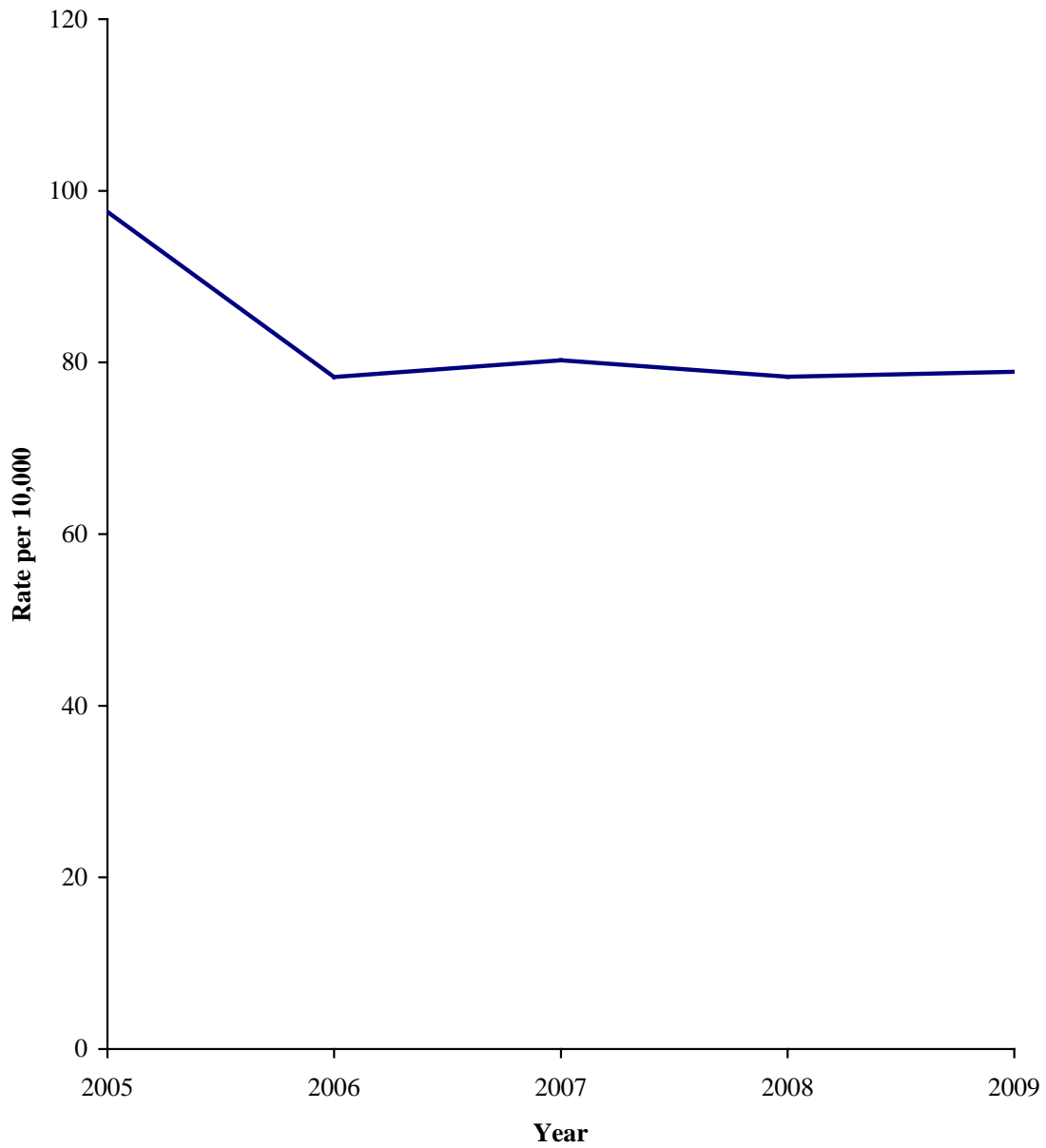
**DOMESTIC SIMPLE ASSAULT
FIVE YEAR STATEWIDE TREND
2005 - 2009**

Year	Number of Victims	Victimization Rate	Change from Previous Year
2005	41,457	97.6	
2006	33,868	78.3	-19.7%
2007	35,352	80.3	+2.5%
2008	35,087	78.3	-2.4%
2009	35,979	78.9	+0.7%

Notes: Change from previous year represents the change in the victimization rate. Victimization rate is expressed per 10,000.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; population estimates, ORS.

South Carolina Domestic Simple Assault Victimization Rate



The domestic intimidation victimization rate decreased 39.7% from 2005 to 2009.

DOMESTIC INTIMIDATION: Domestic intimidation consists of unlawfully placing a person in reasonable fear of bodily harm through the use of threatening words or conduct, but without displaying a weapon or subjecting the victim to actual physical attack where the victim and offender was or had been married, had a familial relationship or were romantically involved

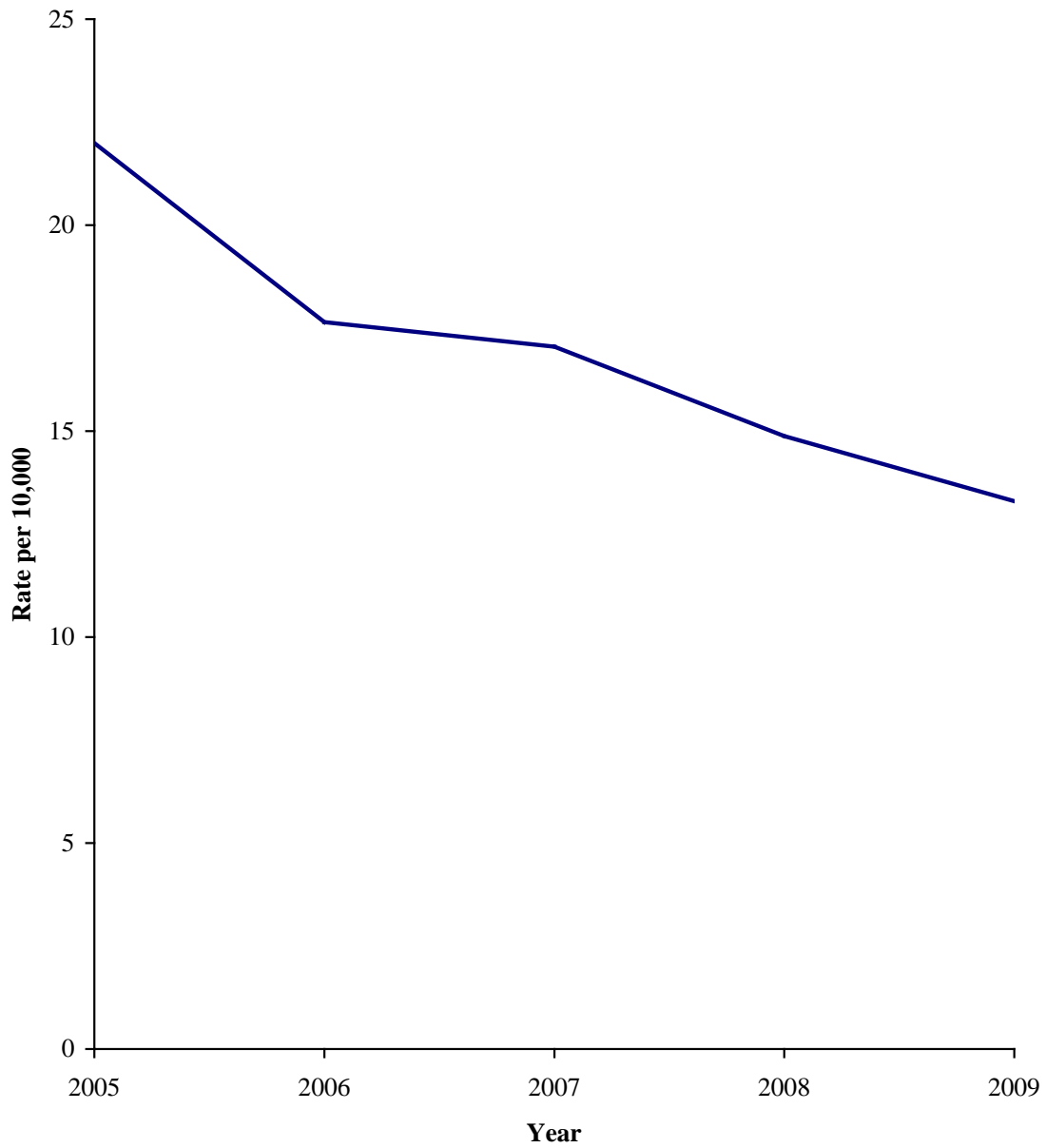
**DOMESTIC INTIMIDATION
FIVE YEAR STATEWIDE TREND
2005 - 2009**

Year	Number of Victims	Victimization Rate	Change from Previous Year
2005	9,346	22.0	
2006	7,631	17.6	-19.8%
2007	7,511	17.1	-3.4%
2008	6,666	14.9	-12.7%
2009	6,051	13.3	-10.8%

Notes: Change from previous year represents the change in the victimization rate. Victimization rate is expressed per 10,000.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; population estimates, ORS.

South Carolina Domestic Intimidation Victimization Rate



The criminal domestic violence victimization rate proxy indicator decreased 38.3% from 2005 to 2009.

CRIMINAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROXY: Criminal domestic violence (CDV) is defined in South Carolina state law as situations involving a spouse, a former spouse, persons who have a child in common or a male and female who are currently or have formerly cohabitated where one causes physical harm or injury or offers or attempts to cause physical harm or injury under circumstances reasonably creating fear of imminent peril. SCIBRS does not include sufficiently detailed data to completely replicate that definition; however it does contain enough detail to identify a subset of that population to serve as proxy indicator for CDV victims. For the purpose of this report, a CDV proxy indicator was constructed which includes victims of aggravated assault, simple assault or intimidation where the victim was the spouse, common-law spouse or ex-spouse of the offender. SCIBRS does not identify situations where the offender and victim have a child in common, or when the victim and offender were currently or had previously cohabitated.

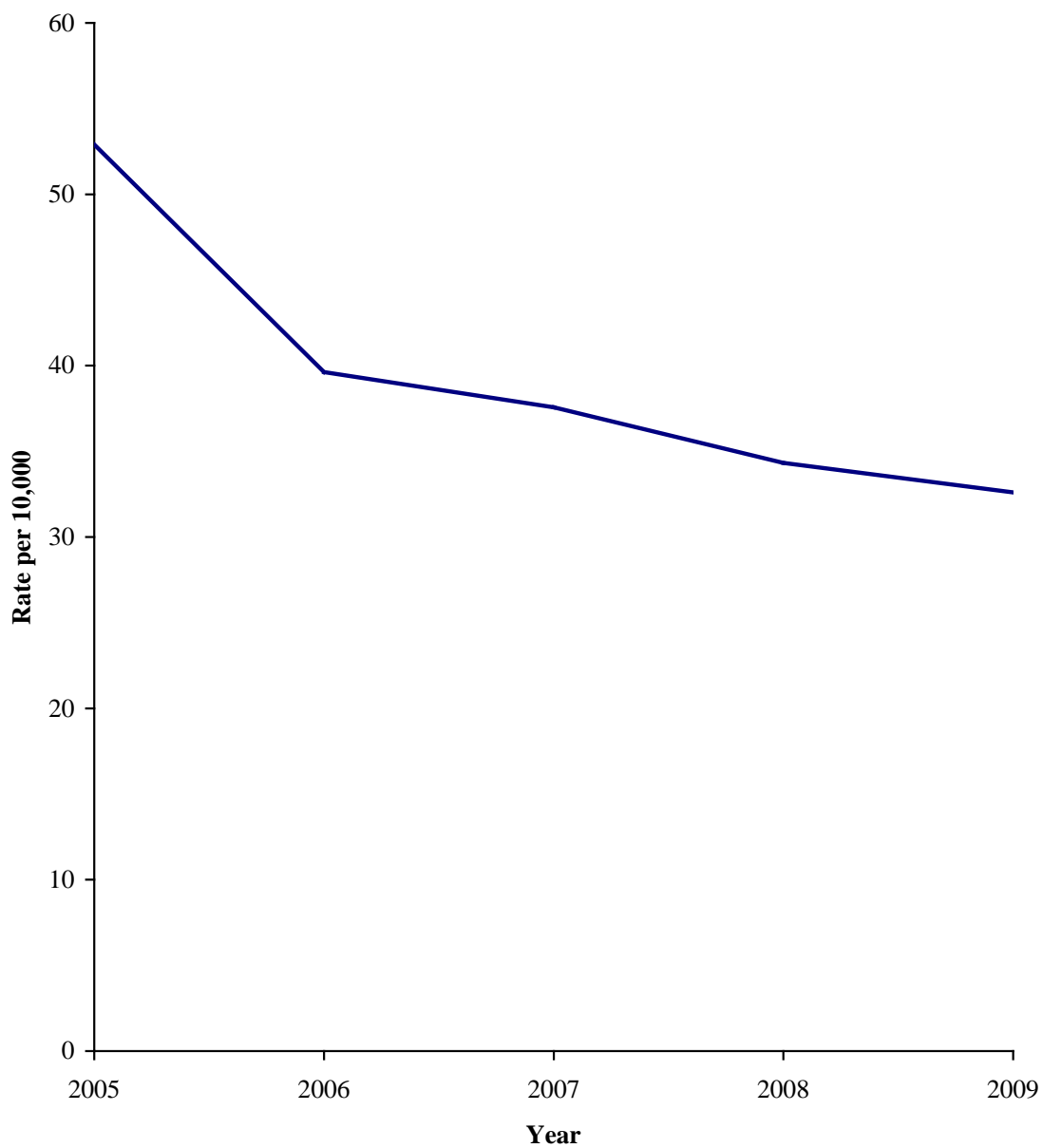
**CRIMINAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROXY
FIVE YEAR STATEWIDE TREND
2005 - 2009**

Year	Number of Victims	Victimization Rate	Change from Previous Year
2005	22,483	52.9	
2006	17,139	39.6	-25.1%
2007	16,548	37.6	-5.2%
2008	15,378	34.3	-8.6%
2009	14,880	32.6	-5.0%

Notes: Change from previous year represents the change in the victimization rate. Victimization rate is expressed per 10,000.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; population estimates, ORS.

South Carolina Criminal Domestic Violence Proxy Victimization Rate



The ex-spouse violence victimization rate decreased 31.5% from 2005 to 2009.

EX-SPOUSE VIOLENCE: Violence against ex-spouses consists of homicide, sexual violence, robbery, aggravated assault, simple assault or intimidation where the offender once was but is no longer the spouse or common law spouse of the offender.

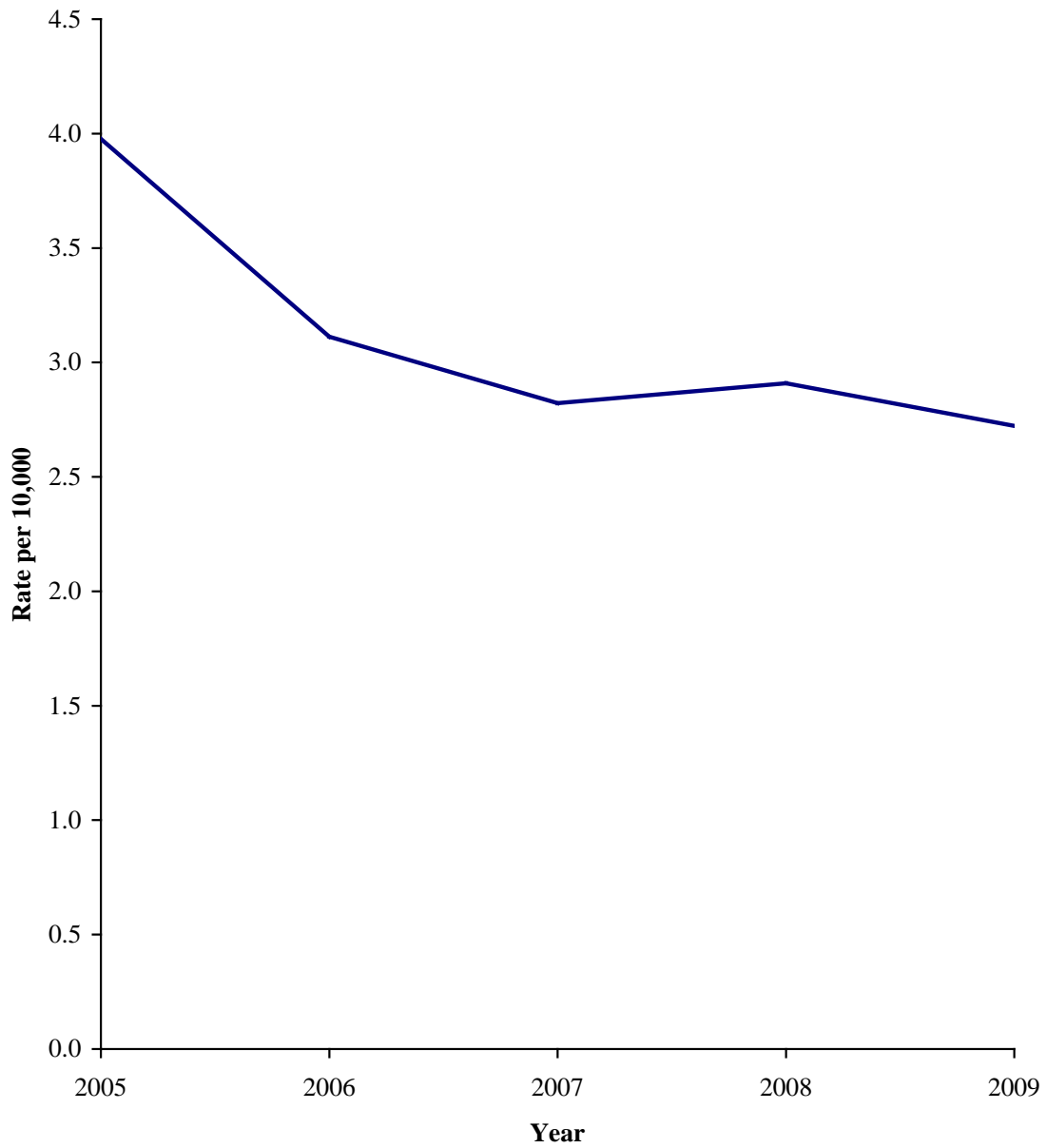
**EX-SPOUSE VIOLENCE
FIVE YEAR STATEWIDE TREND
2005 – 2009**

Year	Number of Victims	Victimization Rate	Change from Previous Year
2005	1,690	4.0	
2006	1,346	3.1	-21.7%
2007	1,243	2.8	-9.3%
2008	1,303	2.9	+3.1%
2009	1,242	2.7	-6.4%

Notes: Change from previous year represents the change in the victimization rate. Victimization rate is expressed per 10,000.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; population estimates, ORS.

South Carolina Ex-Spouse Violence Victimization Rate



The family violence victimization rate decreased 20.6% from 2005 to 2009.

FAMILY VIOLENCE: Family violence consists of homicide, sexual violence, robbery, aggravated assault, simple assault or intimidation where the offender has a family relationship other than as a spouse, common law spouse or ex-spouse of the offender.

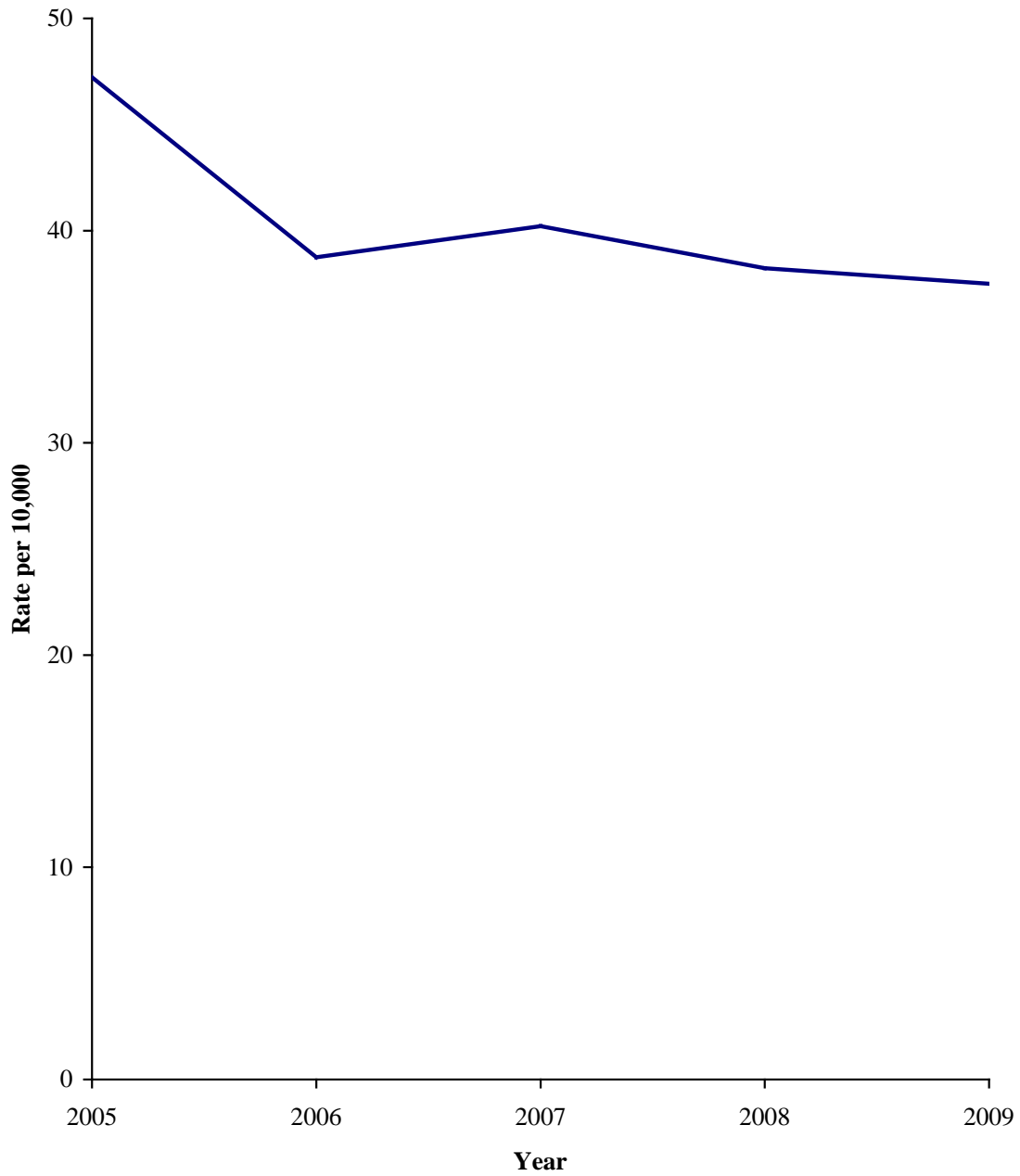
**FAMILY VIOLENCE
FIVE YEAR STATEWIDE TREND
2005 – 2009**

Year	Number of Victims	Victimization Rate	Change from Previous Year
2005	20,067	47.2	
2006	16,755	38.7	-18.0%
2007	17,713	40.2	+3.8%
2008	17,126	38.2	-4.9%
2009	17,101	37.5	-1.9%

Notes: Change from previous year represents the change in the victimization rate. Victimization rate is expressed per 10,000.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; population estimates, ORS.

Family Violence Victimization Rate



The marital violence victimization rate decreased 38.9% from 2005 to 2009.

MARTIAL VIOLENCE: Marital violence consists of homicide, sexual violence, robbery, aggravated assault, simple assault or intimidation where the victim is the spouse or common law spouse of the offender.

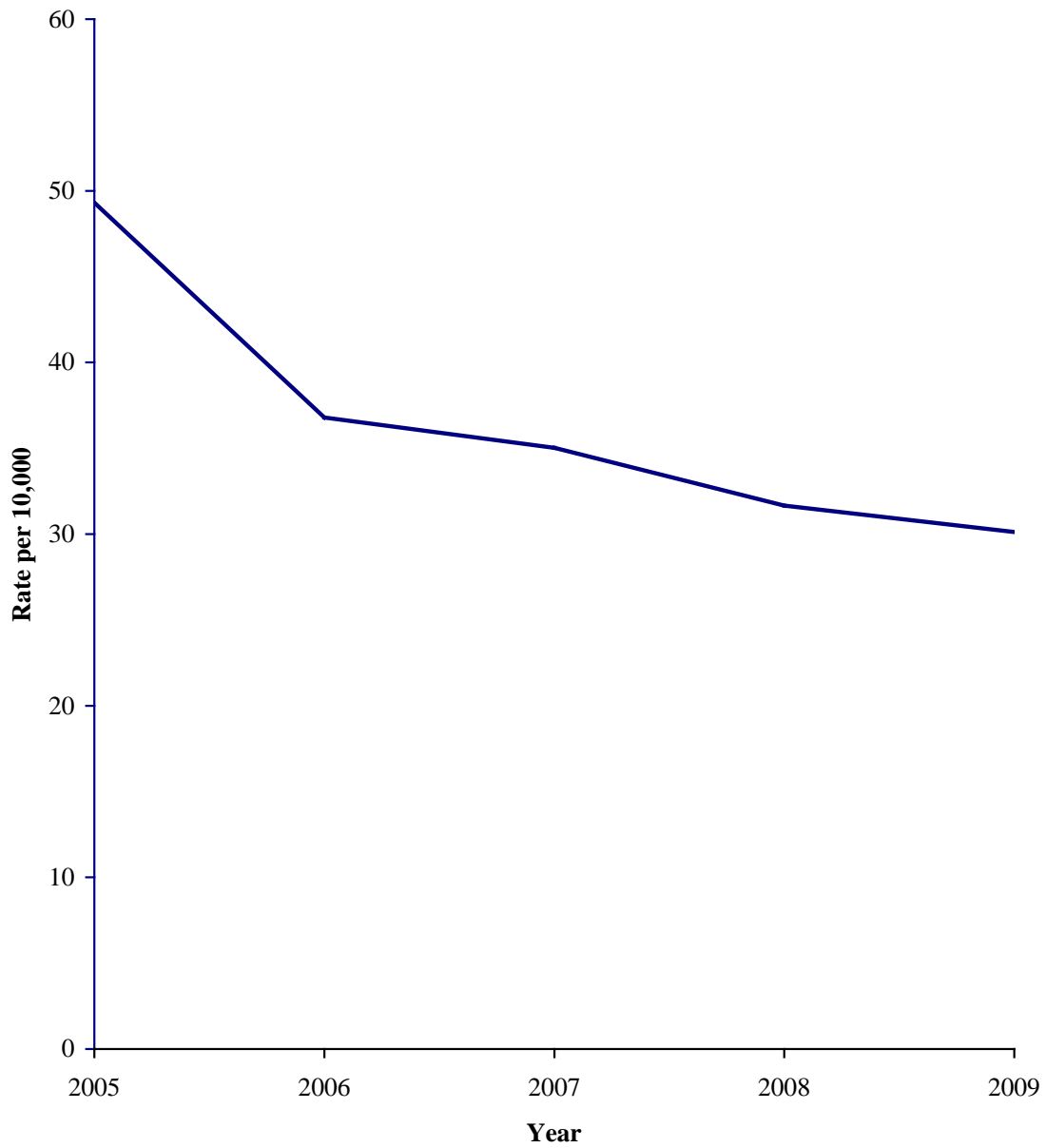
**MARITAL VIOLENCE
FIVE YEAR STATEWIDE TREND
2005 – 2009**

Year	Number of Victims	Victimization Rate	Change from Previous Year
2005	20,955	49.3	
2006	15,912	36.8	-25.4%
2007	15,427	35.0	-4.8%
2008	14,183	31.7	-9.6%
2009	13,742	30.1	-4.8%

Notes: Change from previous year represents the change in the victimization rate. Victimization rate is expressed per 10,000.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; population estimates, ORS.

South Carolina Marital Violence Victimization Rate



The violent victimization rate in romantic relationships decreased 9.2% from 2005 to 2009.

VIOLENCE IN ROMANTIC RELATIONSHIPS: Violence in romantic relationships consists of homicide, sexual violence, robbery, aggravated assault, simple assault or intimidation where the victim is the boyfriend or girlfriend of the offender.

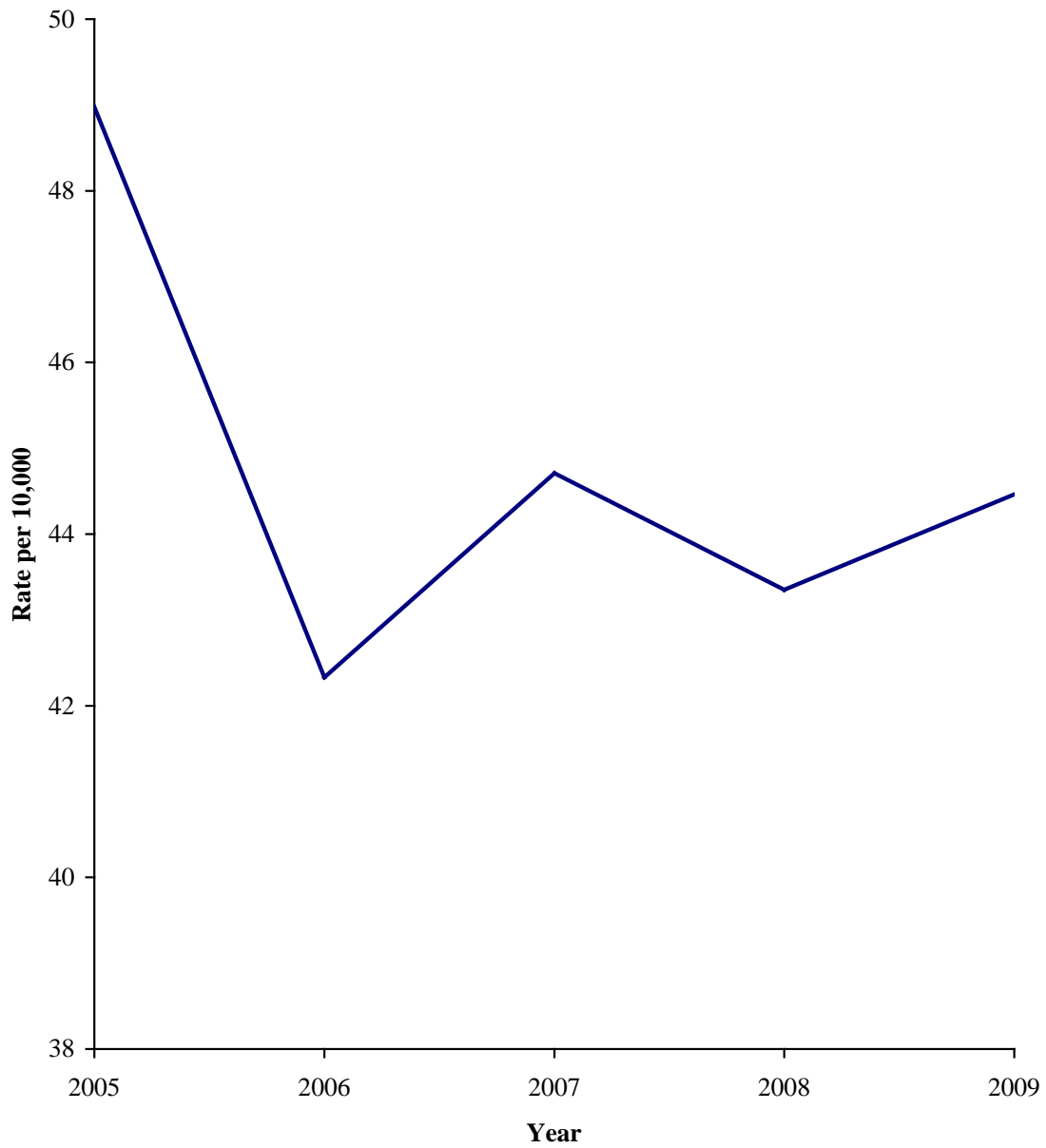
**VIOLENCE IN ROMANTIC RELATIONSHIPS
FIVE YEAR STATEWIDE TREND
2005 – 2009**

Year	Number of Victims	Victimization Rate	Change from Previous Year
2005	20,812	49.0	
2006	18,307	42.3	-13.6%
2007	19,694	44.7	+5.6%
2008	19,420	43.4	-3.0%
2009	20,281	44.5	+2.6%

Notes: Change from previous year represents the change in the victimization rate. Victimization rate is expressed per 10,000.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; population estimates, ORS.

Violent Victimization Rate in Romantic Relationships



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**COUNTY RANKINGS
FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
2009**

Greenville County reported 4,179 domestic violence victims in 2009, the most among South Carolina counties.

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMIZATION
COUNTY RANKINGS
2009**

County	Number	Rank	County	Number	Rank
Abbeville	208	39	Greenwood	1,286	15
Aiken	1,494	14	Hampton	157	43
Allendale	100	45	Horry	3,579	4
Anderson	2,520	7	Jasper	317	35
Bamberg	227	37	Kershaw	640	24
Barnwell	381	34	Lancaster	883	20
Beaufort	1,861	10	Laurens	1,194	16
Berkeley	2,103	9	Lee	186	40
Calhoun	171	42	Lexington	2,604	5
Charleston	3,678	2	McCormick	49	46
Cherokee	433	31	Marion	629	25
Chester	649	23	Marlboro	484	29
Chesterfield	507	28	Newberry	382	33
Clarendon	434	30	Oconee	591	27
Colleton	716	22	Orangeburg	1,679	11
Darlington	1,179	17	Pickens	989	19
Dillon	603	26	Richland	3,644	3
Dorchester	1,596	13	Saluda	111	44
Edgefield	181	41	Spartanburg	2,527	6
Fairfield	400	32	Sumter	1,056	18
Florence	1,632	12	Union	218	38
Georgetown	789	21	Williamsburg	275	36
Greenville	4,179	1	York	2,502	8

Source: SCIBRS, SLED.

Chester County's domestic violence victimization rate of 200.2 per 10,000 was the highest among South Carolina counties in 2009.

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMIZATION RATE
COUNTY RANKINGS
2009**

County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate	Rank
Abbeville	82.9	38	Greenwood	184.6	5
Aiken	95.8	33	Hampton	74.7	43
Allendale	98.1	31	Horry	135.6	15
Anderson	136.3	14	Jasper	136.5	13
Bamberg	151.3	12	Kershaw	106.6	26
Barnwell	167.9	11	Lancaster	113.5	24
Beaufort	119.9	21	Laurens	170.5	9
Berkeley	121.2	20	Lee	94.3	34
Calhoun	117.0	23	Lexington	101.9	28
Charleston	103.5	27	McCormick	48.3	46
Cherokee	79.1	42	Marion	187.9	3
Chester	200.2	1	Marlboro	168.2	10
Chesterfield	117.8	22	Newberry	98.5	30
Clarendon	131.6	16	Oconee	82.6	39
Colleton	182.4	6	Orangeburg	186.3	4
Darlington	177.4	7	Pickens	83.7	37
Dillon	195.1	2	Richland	98.0	32
Dorchester	122.4	18	Saluda	58.1	45
Edgefield	70.3	44	Spartanburg	88.1	36
Fairfield	171.4	8	Sumter	101.1	29
Florence	121.6	19	Union	79.7	41
Georgetown	130.0	17	Williamsburg	79.8	40
Greenville	92.6	35	York	110.2	25

Note: Victimization rate is expressed per 10,000.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; population estimates, ORS.

Greenville County reported 7 domestic homicide victims in 2009, the most among South Carolina counties.

**DOMESTIC HOMICIDE VICTIMIZATION
COUNTY RANKINGS
2009**

County	Number	Rank	County	Number	Rank
Abbeville	0	33	Greenwood	2	12
Aiken	2	21	Hampton	1	21
Allendale	0	33	Horry	3	8
Anderson	2	21	Jasper	1	21
Bamberg	0	33	Kershaw	1	21
Barnwell	1	21	Lancaster	2	12
Beaufort	4	4	Laurens	5	3
Berkeley	1	21	Lee	1	21
Calhoun	2	12	Lexington	3	8
Charleston	6	2	McCormick	0	33
Cherokee	2	12	Marion	0	33
Chester	0	33	Marlboro	3	8
Chesterfield	0	33	Newberry	2	12
Clarendon	0	33	Oconee	4	4
Colleton	0	33	Orangeburg	1	21
Darlington	3	8	Pickens	2	12
Dillon	0	33	Richland	4	4
Dorchester	2	12	Saluda	0	33
Edgefield	0	33	Spartanburg	4	4
Fairfield	0	33	Sumter	2	12
Florence	2	12	Union	1	21
Georgetown	0	33	Williamsburg	1	21
Greenville	7	1	York	1	21

Notes: Due to the small number of domestic homicides reported, there were numerous ties in terms of county rank. The lowest rank is 33, since only 32 counties reported domestic homicides during 2009. No county level domestic homicide rates were calculated due to the small number of domestic homicides in many counties, including 14 counties with no domestic homicides.

Source: SCIBRS, SLED.

Greenville County reported 155 victims of domestic sexual violence in 2009, the most among South Carolina's counties.

**DOMESTIC SEXUAL VIOLENCE VICTIMIZATION
COUNTY RANKINGS
2009**

County	Number	Rank	County	Number	Rank
Abbeville	4	38	Greenwood	14	27
Aiken	52	8	Hampton	2	43
Allendale	1	45	Horry	48	10
Anderson	50	9	Jasper	4	38
Bamberg	6	33	Kershaw	20	23
Barnwell	5	35	Lancaster	31	17
Beaufort	30	18	Laurens	30	18
Berkeley	62	7	Lee	3	42
Calhoun	2	43	Lexington	65	4
Charleston	75	3	McCormick	1	45
Cherokee	21	22	Marion	5	35
Chester	23	20	Marlboro	14	27
Chesterfield	11	31	Newberry	13	30
Clarendon	17	25	Oconee	37	12
Colleton	22	21	Orangeburg	35	13
Darlington	32	15	Pickens	45	11
Dillon	20	23	Richland	88	2
Dorchester	32	15	Saluda	7	32
Edgefield	4	38	Spartanburg	65	4
Fairfield	4	38	Sumter	15	26
Florence	35	13	Union	6	33
Georgetown	14	27	Williamsburg	5	35
Greenville	155	1	York	64	6

Source: SCIBRS, SLED.

Chester County's domestic sexual violence victimization rate of 7.1 per 10,000 was the highest among South Carolina counties in 2009.

**DOMESTIC SEXUAL VIOLENCE VICTIMIZATION RATE
COUNTY RANKINGS
2009**

County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate	Rank
Abbeville	1.6	37	Greenwood	2.0	32
Aiken	3.3	18	Hampton	1.0	44
Allendale	1.0	44	Horry	1.8	34
Anderson	2.7	21	Jasper	1.7	35
Bamberg	4.0	9	Kershaw	3.3	18
Barnwell	2.2	29	Lancaster	4.0	9
Beaufort	1.9	33	Laurens	4.3	8
Berkeley	3.6	15	Lee	1.5	39
Calhoun	1.4	42	Lexington	2.5	24
Charleston	2.1	31	McCormick	1.0	44
Cherokee	3.8	12	Marion	1.5	39
Chester	7.1	1	Marlboro	4.9	6
Chesterfield	2.6	22	Newberry	3.4	16
Clarendon	5.2	4	Oconee	5.2	4
Colleton	5.6	3	Orangeburg	3.9	11
Darlington	4.8	7	Pickens	3.8	12
Dillon	6.5	2	Richland	2.4	26
Dorchester	2.5	24	Saluda	3.7	14
Edgefield	1.6	37	Spartanburg	2.3	27
Fairfield	1.7	35	Sumter	1.4	42
Florence	2.6	22	Union	2.2	29
Georgetown	2.3	27	Williamsburg	1.5	39
Greenville	3.4	16	York	2.8	20

Note: Victimization rate is expressed per 10,000.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; population estimates, ORS.

Greenville County reported 21 domestic robbery victims in 2009, the most among South Carolina counties.

**DOMESTIC ROBBERY VICTIMIZATION
COUNTY RANKINGS
2009**

County	Number	Rank	County	Number	Rank
Abbeville	0	31	Greenwood	0	31
Aiken	3	13	Hampton	1	23
Allendale	0	31	Horry	4	11
Anderson	7	4	Jasper	0	31
Bamberg	0	31	Kershaw	0	31
Barnwell	0	31	Lancaster	4	11
Beaufort	2	16	Laurens	2	16
Berkeley	0	31	Lee	0	31
Calhoun	1	23	Lexington	6	5
Charleston	6	5	McCormick	0	31
Cherokee	0	31	Marion	2	16
Chester	2	16	Marlboro	6	5
Chesterfield	1	23	Newberry	1	23
Clarendon	1	23	Oconee	2	16
Colleton	0	31	Orangeburg	3	13
Darlington	5	10	Pickens	0	31
Dillon	1	23	Richland	12	2
Dorchester	3	13	Saluda	0	31
Edgefield	0	31	Spartanburg	8	3
Fairfield	0	31	Sumter	6	5
Florence	1	23	Union	2	16
Georgetown	1	23	Williamsburg	2	16
Greenville	21	1	York	6	5

Notes: Due to the small number of domestic robberies reported, there were numerous ties in terms of county rank. The lowest rank is 31, since only 30 counties reported domestic robberies during 2009. No county level domestic robbery rates were calculated due to the very small number of domestic robberies, including 16 counties with no domestic robberies.

Source: SCIBRS, SLED.

Richland County reported 962 victims of domestic aggravated assault in 2009, the most among South Carolina's counties.

**DOMESTIC AGGRAVATED ASSAULT VICTIMIZATION
COUNTY RANKINGS
2009**

County	Number	Rank	County	Number	Rank
Abbeville	81	32	Greenwood	213	13
Aiken	152	18	Hampton	33	44
Allendale	37	40	Horry	447	5
Anderson	359	7	Jasper	43	37
Bamberg	39	39	Kershaw	105	24
Barnwell	46	35	Lancaster	100	27
Beaufort	273	9	Laurens	175	15
Berkeley	221	12	Lee	37	40
Calhoun	40	38	Lexington	274	8
Charleston	586	3	McCormick	25	45
Cherokee	63	34	Marion	93	30
Chester	113	22	Marlboro	102	26
Chesterfield	106	23	Newberry	34	43
Clarendon	88	31	Oconee	174	16
Colleton	98	28	Orangeburg	125	20
Darlington	229	11	Pickens	125	21
Dillon	126	19	Richland	962	1
Dorchester	165	17	Saluda	36	42
Edgefield	20	46	Spartanburg	444	6
Fairfield	74	33	Sumter	208	14
Florence	261	10	Union	95	29
Georgetown	103	25	Williamsburg	46	35
Greenville	808	2	York	520	4

Source: SCIBRS, SLED.

Dillon County's domestic aggravated assault victimization rate of 40.8 per 10,000 was the highest among South Carolina counties in 2009.

**DOMESTIC AGGRAVATED ASSAULT VICTIMIZATION RATE
COUNTY RANKINGS
2009**

County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate	Rank
Abbeville	32.3	7	Greenwood	30.6	9
Aiken	9.7	44	Hampton	15.7	34
Allendale	36.3	2	Horry	16.9	32
Anderson	19.4	24	Jasper	18.5	27
Bamberg	26.0	13	Kershaw	17.5	30
Barnwell	20.3	21	Lancaster	12.9	38
Beaufort	17.6	29	Laurens	25.0	15
Berkeley	12.7	39	Lee	18.8	26
Calhoun	27.4	11	Lexington	10.7	42
Charleston	16.5	33	McCormick	24.7	17
Cherokee	11.5	41	Marion	27.8	10
Chester	34.9	4	Marlboro	35.4	3
Chesterfield	24.6	18	Newberry	8.8	45
Clarendon	26.7	12	Oconee	24.3	19
Colleton	25.0	16	Orangeburg	13.9	36
Darlington	34.5	6	Pickens	10.6	43
Dillon	40.8	1	Richland	25.9	14
Dorchester	12.7	40	Saluda	18.9	25
Edgefield	7.8	46	Spartanburg	15.5	35
Fairfield	31.7	8	Sumter	19.9	22
Florence	19.4	23	Union	34.7	5
Georgetown	17.0	31	Williamsburg	13.4	37
Greenville	17.9	28	York	22.9	20

Note: Victimization rate is expressed per 10,000.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; population estimates, ORS.

Greenville County reported 2,828 victims of domestic simple assault in 2009, the most among South Carolina's counties.

**DOMESTIC SIMPLE ASSAULT VICTIMIZATION
COUNTY RANKINGS
2009**

County	Number	Rank	County	Number	Rank
Abbeville	107	41	Greenwood	947	15
Aiken	1,204	12	Hampton	92	43
Allendale	53	45	Horry	2,594	3
Anderson	1,901	6	Jasper	256	34
Bamberg	161	37	Kershaw	437	23
Barnwell	310	29	Lancaster	593	20
Beaufort	1,258	11	Laurens	786	16
Berkeley	1,482	9	Lee	119	40
Calhoun	121	39	Lexington	2,003	5
Charleston	2,659	2	McCormick	18	46
Cherokee	285	31	Marion	412	25
Chester	432	24	Marlboro	282	32
Chesterfield	344	27	Newberry	307	30
Clarendon	268	33	Oconee	321	28
Colleton	465	22	Orangeburg	1,316	10
Darlington	727	18	Pickens	746	17
Dillon	384	26	Richland	2,209	4
Dorchester	1,059	14	Saluda	60	44
Edgefield	148	38	Spartanburg	1,838	7
Fairfield	254	35	Sumter	725	19
Florence	1,108	13	Union	104	42
Georgetown	546	21	Williamsburg	174	36
Greenville	2,828	1	York	1,536	8

Source: SCIBRS, SLED.

Orangeburg County's domestic simple assault victimization rate of 146 per 10,000 was the highest among South Carolina counties in 2009.

**DOMESTIC SIMPLE ASSAULT VICTIMIZATION RATE
COUNTY RANKINGS
2009**

County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate	Rank
Abbeville	42.6	43	Greenwood	135.9	3
Aiken	77.2	26	Hampton	43.8	42
Allendale	52.0	39	Horry	98.3	14
Anderson	102.8	13	Jasper	110.2	9
Bamberg	107.3	12	Kershaw	72.8	29
Barnwell	136.6	2	Lancaster	76.3	27
Beaufort	81.0	22	Laurens	112.2	8
Berkeley	85.4	17	Lee	60.3	35
Calhoun	82.8	18	Lexington	78.4	25
Charleston	74.8	28	McCormick	17.8	46
Cherokee	52.1	38	Marion	123.1	6
Chester	133.3	4	Marlboro	98.0	15
Chesterfield	79.9	23	Newberry	79.2	24
Clarendon	81.2	20	Oconee	44.9	41
Colleton	118.5	7	Orangeburg	146.0	1
Darlington	109.4	10	Pickens	63.1	33
Dillon	124.2	5	Richland	59.4	36
Dorchester	81.2	20	Saluda	31.4	45
Edgefield	57.5	37	Spartanburg	64.1	32
Fairfield	108.8	11	Sumter	69.4	30
Florence	82.6	19	Union	38.0	44
Georgetown	89.9	16	Williamsburg	50.5	40
Greenville	62.6	34	York	67.7	31

Note: Victimization rate is expressed per 10,000.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; population estimates, ORS.

Horry County reported 483 victims of domestic intimidation in 2008, the most among South Carolina's counties.

**DOMESTIC INTIMIDATION VICTIMIZATION
COUNTY RANKINGS
2009**

County	Number	Rank	County	Number	Rank
Abbeville	16	39	Greenwood	110	20
Aiken	82	22	Hampton	28	34
Allendale	9	42	Horry	483	1
Anderson	202	11	Jasper	13	40
Bamberg	21	37	Kershaw	77	24
Barnwell	18	38	Lancaster	153	16
Beaufort	294	8	Laurens	196	13
Berkeley	338	6	Lee	26	35
Calhoun	5	45	Lexington	253	9
Charleston	346	5	McCormick	5	45
Cherokee	62	29	Marion	117	19
Chester	79	23	Marlboro	77	24
Chesterfield	45	33	Newberry	25	36
Clarendon	60	30	Oconee	53	31
Colleton	131	17	Orangeburg	199	12
Darlington	184	14	Pickens	71	27
Dillon	72	26	Richland	369	3
Dorchester	335	7	Saluda	8	44
Edgefield	9	42	Spartanburg	168	15
Fairfield	68	28	Sumter	100	21
Florence	225	10	Union	10	41
Georgetown	125	18	Williamsburg	47	32
Greenville	362	4	York	375	2

Source: SCIBRS, SLED.

Marion County's domestic intimidation victimization rate of 35 per 10,000 was the highest among South Carolina counties in 2009.

**DOMESTIC INTIMIDATION VICTIMIZATION RATE
COUNTY RANKINGS
2009**

County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate	Rank
Abbeville	6.4	37	Greenwood	15.8	19
Aiken	5.3	41	Hampton	13.3	22
Allendale	8.8	32	Horry	18.3	15
Anderson	10.9	26	Jasper	5.6	40
Bamberg	14.0	20	Kershaw	12.8	24
Barnwell	7.9	34	Lancaster	19.7	12
Beaufort	18.9	14	Laurens	28.0	4
Berkeley	19.5	13	Lee	13.2	23
Calhoun	3.4	46	Lexington	9.9	28
Charleston	9.7	30	McCormick	4.9	42
Cherokee	11.3	25	Marion	35.0	1
Chester	24.4	8	Marlboro	26.8	6
Chesterfield	10.5	27	Newberry	6.4	36
Clarendon	18.2	16	Oconee	7.4	35
Colleton	33.4	2	Orangeburg	22.1	10
Darlington	27.7	5	Pickens	6.0	38
Dillon	23.3	9	Richland	9.9	28
Dorchester	25.7	7	Saluda	4.2	43
Edgefield	3.5	45	Spartanburg	5.9	39
Fairfield	29.1	3	Sumter	9.6	31
Florence	16.8	17	Union	3.7	44
Georgetown	20.6	11	Williamsburg	13.6	21
Greenville	8.0	33	York	16.5	18

Note: Victimization rate is expressed per 10,000.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; population estimates, ORS.

Using a proxy indicator for criminal domestic violence, Greenville County reported 1,208 victims in 2009, the most among South Carolina's counties.

**CRIMINAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROXY VICTIMIZATION
COUNTY RANKINGS
2009**

County	Number	Rank	County	Number	Rank
Abbeville	52	40	Greenwood	325	16
Aiken	674	9	Hampton	48	42
Allendale	24	44	Horry	1,085	2
Anderson	948	3	Jasper	92	33
Bamberg	53	38	Kershaw	220	22
Barnwell	71	35	Lancaster	220	22
Beaufort	438	12	Laurens	292	18
Berkeley	663	10	Lee	62	36
Calhoun	41	43	Lexington	707	8
Charleston	930	4	McCormick	12	46
Cherokee	115	28	Marion	136	26
Chester	112	29	Marlboro	97	32
Chesterfield	103	31	Newberry	164	25
Clarendon	116	27	Oconee	218	24
Colleton	243	21	Orangeburg	399	14
Darlington	292	18	Pickens	304	17
Dillon	104	30	Richland	888	5
Dorchester	601	11	Saluda	19	45
Edgefield	55	37	Spartanburg	815	6
Fairfield	75	34	Sumter	357	15
Florence	415	13	Union	53	38
Georgetown	256	20	Williamsburg	50	41
Greenville	1,208	1	York	728	7

Source: SCIBRS, SLED.

Using a proxy indicator for criminal domestic violence, Colleton County's rate of 61.9 per 10,000 was the highest among South Carolina counties in 2009.

**CRIMINAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROXY
VICTIMIZATION RATE
COUNTY RANKINGS
2009**

County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate	Rank
Abbeville	20.7	42	Greenwood	46.6	3
Aiken	43.2	7	Hampton	22.8	39
Allendale	23.5	37	Horry	41.1	11
Anderson	51.3	2	Jasper	39.6	13
Bamberg	35.3	16	Kershaw	36.6	15
Barnwell	31.3	25	Lancaster	28.3	29
Beaufort	28.2	30	Laurens	41.7	10
Berkeley	38.2	14	Lee	31.4	24
Calhoun	28.0	31	Lexington	27.7	32
Charleston	26.2	34	McCormick	11.8	45
Cherokee	21.0	41	Marion	40.6	12
Chester	34.6	18	Marlboro	33.7	20
Chesterfield	23.9	36	Newberry	42.3	8
Clarendon	35.2	17	Oconee	30.5	27
Colleton	61.9	1	Orangeburg	44.3	5
Darlington	43.9	6	Pickens	25.7	35
Dillon	33.6	21	Richland	23.9	37
Dorchester	46.1	4	Saluda	10.0	46
Edgefield	21.4	40	Spartanburg	28.4	28
Fairfield	32.1	22	Sumter	34.2	19
Florence	30.9	26	Union	19.4	43
Georgetown	42.2	9	Williamsburg	14.5	44
Greenville	26.8	33	York	32.1	22

Note: Victimization rate is expressed per 10,000.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; population estimates, ORS.

Charleston County reported 100 victims of violence between ex-spouses in 2009, the most among South Carolina's counties.

**EX-SPOUSE VIOLENCE VICTIMIZATION
COUNTY RANKINGS
2009**

County	Number	Rank	County	Number	Rank
Abbeville	7	34	Greenwood	23	18
Aiken	30	14	Hampton	3	42
Allendale	5	37	Horry	84	5
Anderson	65	6	Jasper	5	37
Bamberg	3	42	Kershaw	13	26
Barnwell	9	32	Lancaster	22	19
Beaufort	34	11	Laurens	19	21
Berkeley	35	10	Lee	7	34
Calhoun	4	40	Lexington	58	8
Charleston	100	1	McCormick	0	46
Cherokee	18	22	Marion	18	22
Chester	15	25	Marlboro	7	34
Chesterfield	9	32	Newberry	10	29
Clarendon	10	29	Oconee	13	26
Colleton	18	22	Orangeburg	22	19
Darlington	27	15	Pickens	24	16
Dillon	11	28	Richland	100	1
Dorchester	44	9	Saluda	4	40
Edgefield	2	45	Spartanburg	65	6
Fairfield	10	29	Sumter	24	16
Florence	32	12	Union	3	42
Georgetown	31	13	Williamsburg	5	37
Greenville	96	4	York	98	3

Source: SCIBRS, SLED.

Marion County's ex-spouse violence victimization rate of 5.4 per 10,000 was the highest among South Carolina counties in 2009.

**EX-SPOUSE VIOLENCE VICTIMIZATION RATE
COUNTY RANKINGS
2009**

County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate	Rank
Abbeville	2.8	20	Greenwood	3.3	14
Aiken	1.9	40	Hampton	1.4	43
Allendale	4.9	3	Horry	3.2	16
Anderson	3.5	11	Jasper	2.2	31
Bamberg	2.0	37	Kershaw	2.2	31
Barnwell	4.0	9	Lancaster	2.8	18
Beaufort	2.2	31	Laurens	2.7	21
Berkeley	2.0	37	Lee	3.5	11
Calhoun	2.7	21	Lexington	2.3	28
Charleston	2.8	18	McCormick	0.0	46
Cherokee	3.3	14	Marion	5.4	1
Chester	4.6	4	Marlboro	2.4	25
Chesterfield	2.1	34	Newberry	2.6	24
Clarendon	3.0	17	Oconee	1.8	41
Colleton	4.6	4	Orangeburg	2.4	25
Darlington	4.1	8	Pickens	2.0	37
Dillon	3.6	10	Richland	2.7	21
Dorchester	3.4	13	Saluda	2.1	34
Edgefield	0.8	45	Spartanburg	2.3	28
Fairfield	4.3	6	Sumter	2.3	28
Florence	2.4	25	Union	1.1	44
Georgetown	5.1	2	Williamsburg	1.5	42
Greenville	2.1	34	York	4.3	6

Note: Victimization rate is expressed per 10,000.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; population estimates, ORS.

Greenville County reported 1,324 victims of family violence in 2009, the most among South Carolina's counties.

**FAMILY VIOLENCE VICTIMIZATION
COUNTY RANKINGS
2009**

County	Number	Rank	County	Number	Rank
Abbeville	100	37	Greenwood	439	15
Aiken	515	13	Hampton	77	40
Allendale	35	45	Horry	808	6
Anderson	954	4	Jasper	130	33
Bamberg	76	41	Kershaw	220	26
Barnwell	153	32	Lancaster	342	19
Beaufort	662	10	Laurens	423	16
Berkeley	790	7	Lee	68	42
Calhoun	81	39	Lexington	714	8
Charleston	1,150	2	McCormick	11	46
Cherokee	129	34	Marion	237	24
Chester	273	21	Marlboro	187	29
Chesterfield	191	28	Newberry	119	36
Clarendon	180	30	Oconee	195	27
Colleton	258	22	Orangeburg	675	9
Darlington	423	16	Pickens	419	18
Dillon	226	25	Richland	1,043	3
Dorchester	531	12	Saluda	55	44
Edgefield	67	43	Spartanburg	653	11
Fairfield	155	31	Sumter	256	22
Florence	460	14	Union	84	38
Georgetown	275	20	Williamsburg	121	35
Greenville	1,324	1	York	817	5

Source: SCIBRS, SLED.

Chester County's family violence victimization rate of 84.2 per 10,000 was the highest among South Carolina counties in 2009.

**FAMILY VIOLENCE VICTIMIZATION RATE
COUNTY RANKINGS
2009**

County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate	Rank
Abbeville	39.8	23	Greenwood	63.0	10
Aiken	33.0	32	Hampton	36.6	24
Allendale	34.3	30	Horry	30.6	36
Anderson	51.6	15	Jasper	56.0	12
Bamberg	50.6	16	Kershaw	36.6	25
Barnwell	67.4	5	Lancaster	44.0	20
Beaufort	42.7	21	Laurens	60.4	11
Berkeley	45.5	17	Lee	34.5	29
Calhoun	55.4	13	Lexington	27.9	40
Charleston	32.4	33	McCormick	10.8	46
Cherokee	23.6	44	Marion	70.8	4
Chester	84.2	1	Marlboro	65.0	8
Chesterfield	44.4	19	Newberry	30.7	34
Clarendon	54.6	14	Oconee	27.3	41
Colleton	65.7	7	Orangeburg	74.9	2
Darlington	63.7	9	Pickens	35.5	27
Dillon	73.1	3	Richland	28.0	39
Dorchester	40.7	22	Saluda	28.8	38
Edgefield	26.0	42	Spartanburg	22.8	45
Fairfield	66.4	6	Sumter	24.5	43
Florence	34.3	30	Union	30.7	34
Georgetown	45.3	18	Williamsburg	35.1	28
Greenville	29.3	37	York	36.0	26

Note: Victimization rate is expressed per 10,000.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; population estimates, ORS.

Greenville County reported 1,129 victims of marital violence in 2009, the most among South Carolina's counties.

**MARITAL VIOLENCE VICTIMIZATION
COUNTY RANKINGS
2009**

County	Number	Rank	County	Number	Rank
Abbeville	45	42	Greenwood	303	16
Aiken	645	8	Hampton	46	40
Allendale	19	44	Horry	1,005	2
Anderson	894	3	Jasper	88	33
Bamberg	50	38	Kershaw	209	22
Barnwell	64	35	Lancaster	199	24
Beaufort	406	12	Laurens	274	18
Berkeley	632	10	Lee	55	36
Calhoun	37	43	Lexington	658	7
Charleston	835	4	McCormick	12	46
Cherokee	99	28	Marion	119	26
Chester	97	29	Marlboro	93	32
Chesterfield	95	30	Newberry	155	25
Clarendon	107	27	Oconee	209	22
Colleton	225	21	Orangeburg	380	14
Darlington	266	19	Pickens	283	17
Dillon	95	30	Richland	790	5
Dorchester	559	11	Saluda	15	45
Edgefield	53	37	Spartanburg	754	6
Fairfield	65	34	Sumter	336	15
Florence	385	13	Union	50	38
Georgetown	226	20	Williamsburg	46	40
Greenville	1,129	1	York	635	9

Source: SCIBRS, SLED.

Colleton County's marital violence victimization rate of 57.3 per 10,000 was the highest among South Carolina counties in 2009.

**MARITAL VIOLENCE VICTIMIZATION RATE
COUNTY RANKINGS
2009**

County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate	Rank
Abbeville	17.9	43	Greenwood	43.5	3
Aiken	41.3	6	Hampton	21.9	37
Allendale	18.6	40	Horry	38.1	10
Anderson	48.4	2	Jasper	37.9	11
Bamberg	33.3	16	Kershaw	34.8	15
Barnwell	28.2	24	Lancaster	25.6	31
Beaufort	26.2	29	Laurens	39.1	9
Berkeley	36.4	13	Lee	27.9	26
Calhoun	25.3	32	Lexington	25.7	30
Charleston	23.5	35	McCormick	11.8	45
Cherokee	18.1	42	Marion	35.6	14
Chester	29.9	21	Marlboro	32.3	18
Chesterfield	22.1	36	Newberry	40.0	7
Clarendon	32.4	17	Oconee	29.2	22
Colleton	57.3	1	Orangeburg	42.2	5
Darlington	40.0	7	Pickens	24.0	34
Dillon	30.7	20	Richland	21.2	38
Dorchester	42.9	4	Saluda	7.9	46
Edgefield	20.6	39	Spartanburg	26.3	28
Fairfield	27.8	27	Sumter	32.2	19
Florence	28.7	23	Union	18.3	41
Georgetown	37.2	12	Williamsburg	13.4	44
Greenville	25.0	33	York	28.0	25

Note: Victimization rate is expressed per 10,000.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; population estimates, ORS.

Richland County reported 1,718 victims of violence in romantic relationships in 2009, the most among South Carolina's counties.

**VIOLENT VICTIMIZATION IN ROMANTIC RELATIONSHIPS
COUNTY RANKINGS
2009**

County	Number	Rank	County	Number	Rank
Abbeville	58	40	Greenwood	529	13
Aiken	316	19	Hampton	32	45
Allendale	42	43	Horry	1,711	2
Anderson	623	11	Jasper	95	37
Bamberg	99	36	Kershaw	201	27
Barnwell	155	32	Lancaster	329	18
Beaufort	773	8	Laurens	486	14
Berkeley	659	10	Lee	56	41
Calhoun	49	42	Lexington	1,186	5
Charleston	1,613	4	McCormick	27	46
Cherokee	189	29	Marion	258	24
Chester	266	22	Marlboro	199	28
Chesterfield	214	26	Newberry	107	34
Clarendon	140	33	Oconee	182	30
Colleton	220	25	Orangeburg	617	12
Darlington	472	16	Pickens	276	21
Dillon	278	20	Richland	1,718	1
Dorchester	482	15	Saluda	39	44
Edgefield	59	39	Spartanburg	1,067	6
Fairfield	171	31	Sumter	447	17
Florence	758	9	Union	84	38
Georgetown	261	23	Williamsburg	103	35
Greenville	1,656	3	York	979	7

Source: SCIBRS, SLED.

Dillon County's rate of 77.9 per 10,000 violent victimizations in romantic relationships was the highest among South Carolina's counties in 2008.

**RATE OF VIOLENT VICTIMIZATION
IN ROMANTIC RELATIONSHIPS
COUNTY RANKINGS
2009**

County	Rate	Rank	County	Rate	Rank
Abbeville	23.1	42	Greenwood	75.9	4
Aiken	20.3	45	Hampton	15.2	46
Allendale	41.2	25	Horry	64.8	12
Anderson	33.7	32	Jasper	40.9	26
Bamberg	66.0	11	Kershaw	33.5	33
Barnwell	68.3	10	Lancaster	42.3	24
Beaufort	49.8	15	Laurens	69.4	7
Berkeley	38.0	27	Lee	28.4	37
Calhoun	33.5	33	Lexington	46.4	17
Charleston	45.4	19	McCormick	26.6	39
Cherokee	34.5	31	Marion	77.1	3
Chester	82.1	2	Marlboro	69.1	8
Chesterfield	49.7	16	Newberry	27.6	38
Clarendon	42.4	23	Oconee	25.4	40
Colleton	56.1	14	Orangeburg	68.5	9
Darlington	71.0	6	Pickens	23.4	41
Dillon	89.9	1	Richland	46.2	18
Dorchester	37.0	29	Saluda	20.4	44
Edgefield	22.9	43	Spartanburg	37.2	28
Fairfield	73.3	5	Sumter	42.8	22
Florence	56.5	13	Union	30.7	35
Georgetown	43.0	21	Williamsburg	29.9	36
Greenville	36.7	30	York	43.1	20

Note: Victimization rate is expressed per 10,000.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; population estimates, ORS.

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COUNTY FIVE YEAR PROFILES

ABBEVILLE COUNTY

Five Year Trends

Criminal Domestic Violence Proxy

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	64	24.9	
2006	58	22.7	-8.8%
2007	78	30.7	+34.8%
2008	60	23.6	-22.9%
2009	52	20.7	-12.3%

Domestic Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	230	89.6	
2006	205	80.4	-10.3%
2007	225	88.4	+10.0%
2008	224	88.2	-0.3%
2009	208	82.9	-6.0%

Ex-Spouse Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	5	1.9	
2006	5	2.0	+0.6%
2007	2	0.8	-59.9%
2008	11	4.3	+450.9%
2009	7	2.8	-35.6%

Notes: Victimization rate is expressed per 10,000. Change represents the change in victimization rate from one year to the next.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; population estimates, ORS.

Family Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	78	30.4	
2006	90	35.3	+16.1%
2007	86	33.8	-4.3%
2008	112	44.1	+30.4%
2009	100	39.8	-9.6%

Marital Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	59	23.0	
2006	53	20.8	-9.6%
2007	76	29.9	+43.7%
2008	49	19.3	-35.4%
2009	45	17.9	-7.0%

Violence in Romantic Relationships

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	89	34.7	
2006	59	23.1	-33.3%
2007	63	24.8	+7.0%
2008	53	20.9	-15.7%
2009	58	23.1	+10.8%

Notes: Victimization rate is expressed per 10,000. Change represents the change in victimization rate from one year to the next.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; population estimates, ORS.

Victim Characteristics

Domestic Violence Victims by Sex

Sex	Number	Percent
Female	786	72.0%
Male	306	28.0%
Unknown	0	0.0%
Total	1,092	100.0%

Domestic Violence Victims by Race

Race	Number	Percent
Asian	0	0.0%
Black	534	48.9%
Native American	0	0.0%
Unknown	2	0.2%
White	556	50.9%
Total	1,092	100.0%

Domestic Violence Victims by Ethnicity

Ethnicity	Number	Percent
Hispanic	10	0.9%
Non-Hispanic	1,079	98.8%
Unknown	3	0.3%
Total	1,092	100.0%

Domestic Violence Victims by Victim Residence

Residence	Number	Percent
Reporting Jurisdiction	991	90.8%
Out of State	5	0.5%
In-State, Not in Jurisdiction	91	8.3%
Unknown	5	0.5%
Total	1,092	100.0%

Source: SCIBRS, SLED.

AIKEN COUNTY

Five Year Trends

Criminal Domestic Violence Proxy

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	869	58.5	
2006	779	51.9	-11.3%
2007	679	44.6	-14.1%
2008	667	43.3	-2.9%
2009	674	43.2	-0.2%

Domestic Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	1784	120.1	
2006	1505	100.2	-16.5%
2007	1481	97.2	-3.0%
2008	1498	97.2	0.0%
2009	1494	95.8	-1.5%

Ex-Spouse Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	36	2.4	
2006	33	2.2	-9.3%
2007	32	2.1	-4.4%
2008	42	2.7	+29.8%
2009	30	1.9	-29.5%

Notes: Victimization rate is expressed per 10,000. Change represents the change in victimization rate from one year to the next.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; population estimates, ORS.

Family Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	614	41.3	
2006	525	35.0	-15.4%
2007	514	33.7	-3.5%
2008	536	34.8	+3.1%
2009	515	33.0	-5.1%

Marital Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	838	56.4	
2006	749	49.9	-11.6%
2007	657	43.1	-13.6%
2008	627	40.7	-5.6%
2009	645	41.3	+1.6%

Violence in Romantic Relationships

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	299	20.1	
2006	208	13.9	-31.2%
2007	295	19.4	+39.8%
2008	299	19.4	0.0%
2009	316	20.3	+4.4%

Notes: Victimization rate is expressed per 10,000. Change represents the change in victimization rate from one year to the next.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; population estimates, ORS.

Victim Characteristics

Domestic Violence Victims by Sex

Sex	Number	Percent
Female	5,578	71.9%
Male	2,174	28.0%
Unknown	10	0.1%
Total	7,762	100.0%

Domestic Violence Victims by Race

Race	Number	Percent
Asian	16	0.2%
Black	3,188	41.1%
Native American	2	<0.1%
Unknown	12	0.2%
White	4,544	58.5%
Total	7,762	100.0%

Domestic Violence Victims by Ethnicity

Ethnicity	Number	Percent
Hispanic	178	2.3%
Non-Hispanic	7,569	97.5%
Unknown	15	0.2%
Total	7,762	100.0%

Domestic Violence Victims by Victim Residence

Residence	Number	Percent
Reporting Jurisdiction	7,079	91.2%
Out of State	190	2.4%
In-State, Not in Jurisdiction	476	6.1%
Unknown	17	0.2%
Total	7,762	100.0%

Source: SCIBRS, SLED.

ALLENDALE COUNTY

Five Year Trends

Criminal Domestic Violence Proxy

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	31	28.9	
2006	41	38.2	+32.3%
2007	37	35.4	-7.4%
2008	23	22.0	-37.8%
2009	24	23.5	+6.9%

Domestic Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	162	151.0	
2006	138	128.6	-14.8%
2007	133	127.2	-1.1%
2008	103	98.6	-22.5%
2009	100	98.1	-0.5%

Ex-Spouse Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	3	2.8	
2006	5	4.7	+66.7%
2007	5	4.8	+2.6%
2009	5	4.8	0.0%
2008	0	0.0	-100.0%

Notes: Victimization rate is expressed per 10,000. Change represents the change in victimization rate from one year to the next.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; population estimates, ORS.

Family Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	37	34.5	
2006	23	21.4	-37.8%
2007	39	37.3	+74.0%
2008	32	30.6	-17.9%
2009	35	34.3	+12.1%

Marital Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	28	26.1	
2006	36	33.6	+28.6%
2007	32	30.6	-8.8%
2008	23	22.0	-28.1%
2009	19	18.6	-15.3%

Violence in Romantic Relationships

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	94	87.6	
2006	75	69.9	-20.2%
2007	57	54.5	-22.0%
2008	48	45.9	-15.7%
2009	42	41.2	-10.3%

Notes: Victimization rate is expressed per 10,000. Change represents the change in victimization rate from one year to the next.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; population estimates, ORS.

Victim Characteristics

Domestic Violence Victims by Sex

Sex	Number	Percent
Female	526	82.7%
Male	110	17.3%
Unknown	0	0.0%
Total	636	100.0%

Domestic Violence Victims by Race

Race	Number	Percent
Asian	1	0.2%
Black	579	91.0%
Native American	0	0.0%
Unknown	0	0.0%
White	56	8.8%
Total	636	100.0%

Domestic Violence Victims by Ethnicity

Ethnicity	Number	Percent
Hispanic	5	0.8%
Non-Hispanic	629	98.9%
Unknown	2	0.3%
Total	636	100.0%

Domestic Violence Victims by Victim Residence

Residence	Number	Percent
Reporting Jurisdiction	574	90.3%
Out of State	8	1.3%
In-State, Not in Jurisdiction	54	8.5%
Unknown	0	0.0%
Total	636	100.0%

Source: SCIBRS, SLED.

ANDERSON COUNTY

Five Year Trends

Criminal Domestic Violence Proxy

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	1,290	74.0	
2006	872	49.3	-33.4%
2007	896	49.8	+1.0%
2008	820	44.9	-9.9%
2009	948	51.3	+14.3%

Domestic Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	2,943	168.9	
2006	2,187	123.6	-26.8%
2007	2,346	130.4	+5.5%
2008	2,299	125.7	-3.5%
2009	2,520	136.3	+8.4%

Ex-Spouse Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	89	5.1	
2006	67	3.8	-25.9%
2007	46	2.6	-32.5%
2008	53	2.9	+13.4%
2009	65	3.5	+21.3%

Notes: Victimization rate is expressed per 10,000. Change represents the change in victimization rate from one year to the next.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; population estimates, ORS.

Family Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	1,010	58.0	
2006	767	43.3	-25.2%
2007	830	46.1	+6.4%
2008	862	47.1	+2.2%
2009	954	51.6	+9.4%

Marital Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	1,214	69.7	
2006	811	45.8	-34.2%
2007	858	47.7	+4.0%
2008	778	42.6	-10.7%
2009	894	48.4	+13.6%

Violence in Romantic Relationships

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	652	37.4	
2006	563	31.8	-15.0%
2007	635	35.3	+10.9%
2008	619	33.9	-4.0%
2009	623	33.7	-0.5%

Notes: Victimization rate is expressed per 10,000. Change represents the change in victimization rate from one year to the next.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; population estimates, ORS.

Victim Characteristics

Domestic Violence Victims by Sex

Sex	Number	Percent
Female	8,956	72.8%
Male	3,337	27.1%
Unknown	2	<0.1%
Total	12,295	100.0%

Domestic Violence Victims by Race

Race	Number	Percent
Asian	21	0.2%
Black	3,029	24.6%
Native American	2	<0.1%
Unknown	16	0.1%
White	9,227	75.0%
Total	12,295	100.0%

Domestic Violence Victims by Ethnicity

Ethnicity	Number	Percent
Hispanic	216	1.8%
Non-Hispanic	11,999	97.6%
Unknown	80	0.7%
Total	12,295	100.0%

Domestic Violence Victims by Victim Residence

Residence	Number	Percent
Reporting Jurisdiction	11,443	93.1%
Out of State	82	0.7%
In-State, Not in Jurisdiction	761	6.2%
Unknown	9	0.1%
Total	12,295	100.0%

Source: SCIBRS, SLED.

BAMBERG COUNTY

Five Year Trends

Criminal Domestic Violence Proxy

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	54	34.3	
2006	33	21.1	-38.5%
2007	56	36.2	+71.6%
2008	42	27.4	-24.2%
2009	53	35.3	+28.7%

Domestic Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	164	104.3	
2006	145	92.7	-11.1%
2007	177	114.5	+23.5%
2008	185	120.9	+5.6%
2009	227	151.3	+25.2%

Ex-Spouse Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	3	1.9	
2006	1	0.6	-66.5%
2007	4	2.6	+304.5%
2008	2	1.3	-49.5%
2009	3	2.0	+53.0%

Notes: Victimization rate is expressed per 10,000. Change represents the change in victimization rate from one year to the next. A percentage increase over zero cannot be calculated.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; population estimates, ORS.

Family Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	58	36.9	
2006	51	32.6	-11.6%
2007	51	33.0	+1.1%
2008	62	40.5	+22.8%
2009	76	50.6	+25.0%

Marital Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	51	32.4	
2006	33	21.1	-34.9%
2007	52	33.6	+59.4%
2008	40	26.1	-22.3%
2009	50	33.3	+27.5%

Violence in Romantic Relationships

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	53	33.7	
2006	62	39.6	+17.6%
2007	71	45.9	+15.8%
2008	82	53.6	+16.7%
2009	99	66.0	+23.2%

Notes: Victimization rate is expressed per 10,000. Change represents the change in victimization rate from one year to the next.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; population estimates, ORS.

Victim Characteristics

Domestic Violence Victims by Sex

Sex	Number	Percent
Female	692	77.1%
Male	206	22.9%
Unknown	0	0.0%
Total	898	100.0%

Domestic Violence Victims by Race

Race	Number	Percent
Asian	0	0.0%
Black	623	69.4%
Native American	0	0.0%
Unknown	3	0.3%
White	272	30.3%
Total	898	100.0%

Domestic Violence Victims by Ethnicity

Ethnicity	Number	Percent
Hispanic	13	1.4%
Non-Hispanic	866	96.4%
Unknown	19	2.1%
Total	898	100.0%

Domestic Violence Victims by Victim Residence

Residence	Number	Percent
Reporting Jurisdiction	776	86.4%
Out of State	7	0.8%
In-State, Not in Jurisdiction	115	12.8%
Unknown	0	0.0%
Total	898	100.0%

Source: SCIBRS, SLED.

BARNWELL COUNTY

Five Year Trends

Criminal Domestic Violence Proxy

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	136	59.0	
2006	92	39.9	-32.4%
2007	88	38.3	-4.0%
2008	94	41.1	+7.2%
2009	71	31.3	-23.9%

Domestic Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	401	174.0	
2006	326	141.5	-18.7%
2007	354	154.2	+9.0%
2008	406	177.5	+15.1%
2009	381	167.9	-5.4%

Ex-Spouse Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	12	5.2	
2006	6	2.6	-50.0%
2007	10	4.4	+67.3%
2008	7	3.1	-29.7%
2009	9	4.0	+29.6%

Notes: Victimization rate is expressed per 10,000. Change represents the change in victimization rate from one year to the next.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; population estimates, ORS.

Family Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	144	62.5	
2006	113	49.0	-21.5%
2007	134	58.4	+19.0%
2008	176	76.9	+31.8%
2009	153	67.4	-12.4%

Marital Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	124	53.8	
2006	86	37.3	-30.6%
2007	78	34.0	-9.0%
2008	88	38.5	+13.2%
2009	64	28.2	-26.7%

Violence in Romantic Relationships

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	126	54.7	
2006	121	52.5	-4.0%
2007	132	57.5	+9.5%
2008	137	59.9	+4.2%
2009	155	68.3	+14.1%

Notes: Victimization rate is expressed per 10,000. Change represents the change in victimization rate from one year to the next.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; population estimates, ORS.

Victim Characteristics

Domestic Violence Victims by Sex

Sex	Number	Percent
Female	1,312	70.2%
Male	555	29.7%
Unknown	1	0.1%
Total	1,868	100.0%

Domestic Violence Victims by Race

Race	Number	Percent
Asian	2	0.1%
Black	1,107	59.3%
Native American	1	0.1%
Unknown	11	0.6%
White	747	40.0%
Total	1,868	100.0%

Domestic Violence Victims by Ethnicity

Ethnicity	Number	Percent
Hispanic	7	0.4%
Non-Hispanic	1,857	99.4%
Unknown	4	0.2%
Total	1,868	100.0%

Domestic Violence Victims by Victim Residence

Residence	Number	Percent
Reporting Jurisdiction	1,683	90.1%
Out of State	10	0.5%
In-State, Not in Jurisdiction	174	9.3%
Unknown	1	0.1%
Total	1,868	100.0%

Source: SCIBRS, SLED.

BEAUFORT COUNTY

Five Year Trends

Criminal Domestic Violence Proxy

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	768	55.3	
2006	568	39.7	-28.2%
2007	514	35.0	-11.7%
2008	449	29.9	-14.8%
2009	438	28.2	-5.5%

Domestic Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	2,748	197.7	
2006	2,173	151.9	-23.2%
2007	1,961	133.7	-12.0%
2008	1,799	119.6	-10.5%
2009	1,861	119.9	+0.2%

Ex-Spouse Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	46	3.3	
2006	46	3.2	-2.9%
2007	29	2.0	-38.5%
2008	35	2.3	+17.7%
2009	34	2.2	-5.9%

Notes: Victimization rate is expressed per 10,000. Change represents the change in victimization rate from one year to the next.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; population estimates, ORS.

Family Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	861	62.0	
2006	713	49.8	-19.6%
2007	667	45.5	-8.8%
2008	668	44.4	-2.3%
2009	662	42.7	-4.0%

Marital Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	727	52.3	
2006	528	36.9	-29.5%
2007	488	33.3	-9.9%
2008	415	27.6	-17.0%
2009	406	26.2	-5.2%

Violence in Romantic Relationships

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	1,135	81.7	
2006	904	63.2	-22.6%
2007	789	53.8	-14.9%
2008	699	46.5	-13.6%
2009	773	49.8	+7.2%

Notes: Victimization rate is expressed per 10,000. Change represents the change in victimization rate from one year to the next.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; population estimates, ORS.

Victim Characteristics

Domestic Violence Victims by Sex

Sex	Number	Percent
Female	7,431	70.5%
Male	3,110	29.5%
Unknown	1	<0.1 %
Total	10,542	100.0%

Domestic Violence Victims by Race

Race	Number	Percent
Asian	31	0.3%
Black	5,090	48.3%
Native American	1	<0.1%
Unknown	2	<0.1%
White	5,418	51.4%
Total	10,542	100.0%

Domestic Violence Victims by Ethnicity

Ethnicity	Number	Percent
Hispanic	917	8.7%
Non-Hispanic	9,607	91.1%
Unknown	18	0.2%
Total	10,542	100.0%

Domestic Violence Victims by Victim Residence

Residence	Number	Percent
Reporting Jurisdiction	9,698	92.0%
Out of State	202	1.9%
In-State, Not in Jurisdiction	630	6.0%
Unknown	12	0.1%
Total	10,542	100.0%

Source: SCIBRS, SLED.

BERKELEY COUNTY

Five Year Trends

Criminal Domestic Violence Proxy

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	798	52.3	
2006	628	43.9	-16.0%
2007	588	40.1	-8.7%
2008	595	39.6	-1.3%
2009	663	42.7	+8.0%

Domestic Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	2,228	145.9	
2006	1,774	124.0	-15.0%
2007	1,859	126.7	+2.2%
2008	1,760	117.0	-7.6%
2009	2,103	135.5	+15.8%

Ex-Spouse Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	36	2.4	
2006	43	3.0	+27.5%
2007	44	3.0	0.0%
2008	40	2.7	-11.3%
2009	35	2.3	-15.2%

Notes: Victimization rate is expressed per 10,000. Change represents the change in victimization rate from one year to the next.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; population estimates, ORS.

Family Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	822	53.8	
2006	655	45.8	-15.0%
2007	730	49.8	+8.7%
2008	652	43.3	-12.9%
2009	790	50.9	+17.4%

Marital Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	772	50.6	
2006	594	41.5	-17.9%
2007	549	37.4	-9.9%
2008	560	37.2	-0.5%
2009	632	40.7	+9.4%

Violence in Romantic Relationships

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	618	40.5	
2006	502	35.1	-13.3%
2007	544	37.1	+5.7%
2008	526	35.0	-5.7%
2009	659	42.5	+21.4%

Notes: Victimization rate is expressed per 10,000. Change represents the change in victimization rate from one year to the next.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; population estimates, ORS.

Victim Characteristics

Domestic Violence Victims by Sex

Sex	Number	Percent
Female	7,029	72.3%
Male	2,695	27.7%
Unknown	0	0.0%
Total	9,724	100.0%

Domestic Violence Victims by Race

Race	Number	Percent
Asian	44	0.5%
Black	3,417	35.1%
Native American	8	0.1%
Unknown	12	0.1%
White	6,243	64.2%
Total	9,724	100.0%

Domestic Violence Victims by Ethnicity

Ethnicity	Number	Percent
Hispanic	306	3.1%
Non-Hispanic	9,354	96.2%
Unknown	64	0.7%
Total	9,724	100.0%

Domestic Violence Victims by Victim Residence

Residence	Number	Percent
Reporting Jurisdiction	8,932	91.9%
Out of State	58	0.6%
In-State, Not in Jurisdiction	726	7.5%
Unknown	8	0.1%
Total	9,724	100.0%

Source: SCIBRS, SLED.

CALHOUN COUNTY

Five Year Trends

Criminal Domestic Violence Proxy

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	81	54.5	
2006	44	29.8	-45.4%
2007	46	31.2	+4.8%
2008	64	43.9	+40.7%
2009	41	28.0	-36.1%

Domestic Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	208	140.0	
2006	169	114.3	-18.3%
2007	214	145.1	+26.9%
2008	196	134.4	-7.4%
2009	171	117.0	-13.0%

Ex-Spouse Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	3	2.0	
2006	3	2.0	0.0%
2007	4	2.7	+33.6%
2008	6	4.1	+51.7%
2009	4	2.7	-33.5%

Notes: Victimization rate is expressed per 10,000. Change represents the change in victimization rate from one year to the next.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; population estimates, ORS.

Family Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	81	54.5	
2006	71	48.0	-11.9%
2007	89	60.4	+25.6%
2008	73	50.1	-17.1%
2009	81	55.4	+10.7%

Marital Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	80	53.8	
2006	41	27.7	-48.5%
2007	42	28.5	+2.7%
2008	58	39.8	+39.6%
2009	37	25.3	-36.4%

Violence in Romantic Relationships

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	45	30.3	
2006	54	36.5	+20.6%
2007	79	53.6	+46.6%
2008	60	41.1	-23.2%
2009	49	33.5	-18.5%

Notes: Victimization rate is expressed per 10,000. Change represents the change in victimization rate from one year to the next.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; population estimates, ORS.

Victim Characteristics

Domestic Violence Victims by Sex

Sex	Number	Percent
Female	662	69.1%
Male	296	30.9%
Unknown	0	0.0%
Total	958	100.0%

Domestic Violence Victims by Race

Race	Number	Percent
Asian	0	0.0%
Black	643	67.1%
Native American	0	0.0%
Unknown	0	0.0%
White	315	32.9%
Total	958	100.0%

Domestic Violence Victims by Ethnicity

Ethnicity	Number	Percent
Hispanic	4	0.4%
Non-Hispanic	954	99.6%
Unknown	0	0.0%
Total	958	100.0%

Domestic Violence Victims by Victim Residence

Residence	Number	Percent
Reporting Jurisdiction	870	90.8%
Out of State	8	0.8%
In-State, Not in Jurisdiction	80	8.4%
Unknown	0	0.0%
Total	958	100.0%

Source: SCIBRS, SLED.

CHARLESTON COUNTY

Five Year Trends

Criminal Domestic Violence Proxy

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	1,564	46.4	
2006	1,124	33.0	-28.9%
2007	1,061	30.9	-6.4%
2008	951	27.3	-11.5%
2009	930	26.2	-4.2%

Domestic Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	4,718	140.1	
2006	3,712	109.0	-22.2%
2007	3,871	112.7	+3.4%
2008	3,521	101.2	-10.2%
2009	3,678	103.5	+2.3%

Ex-Spouse Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	141	4.2	
2006	102	3.0	-28.5%
2007	64	1.9	-37.8%
2008	94	2.7	+45.0%
2009	100	2.8	+4.2%

Notes: Victimization rate is expressed per 10,000. Change represents the change in victimization rate from one year to the next.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; population estimates, ORS.

Family Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	1,468	43.6	
2006	1,137	33.4	-23.4%
2007	1,240	36.1	+8.1%
2008	1,041	29.9	-17.1%
2009	1,150	32.4	+8.2%

Marital Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	1,430	42.5	
2006	1,034	30.4	-28.5%
2007	1,010	29.4	-3.1%
2008	864	24.8	-15.6%
2009	835	23.5	-5.3%

Violence in Romantic Relationships

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	1,704	50.6	
2006	1,470	43.2	-14.7%
2007	1,588	46.2	+7.1%
2008	1,535	44.1	-4.6%
2009	1,613	45.4	+2.9%

Notes: Victimization rate is expressed per 10,000. Change represents the change in victimization rate from one year to the next.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; population estimates, ORS.

Victim Characteristics

Domestic Violence Victims by Sex

Sex	Number	Percent
Female	14,557	74.7%
Male	4,942	25.3%
Unknown	1	<0.1%
Total	19,500	100.0%

Domestic Violence Victims by Race

Race	Number	Percent
Asian	68	0.3%
Black	11,322	58.1%
Native American	16	0.1%
Unknown	40	0.2%
White	8,054	41.3%
Total	19,500	100.0%

Domestic Violence Victims by Ethnicity

Ethnicity	Number	Percent
Hispanic	560	2.9%
Non-Hispanic	18,615	95.5%
Unknown	325	1.7%
Total	19,500	100.0%

Domestic Violence Victims by Victim Residence

Residence	Number	Percent
Reporting Jurisdiction	17,119	87.8%
Out of State	258	1.3%
In-State, Not in Jurisdiction	2,052	10.5%
Unknown	71	0.4%
Total	19,500	100.0%

Source: SCIBRS, SLED.

CHEROKEE COUNTY

Five Year Trends

Criminal Domestic Violence Proxy

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	401	75.0	
2006	264	49.1	-34.5%
2007	212	39.3	-20.0%
2008	164	30.2	-23.3%
2009	115	21.0	-30.3%

Domestic Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	970	181.3	
2006	744	138.4	-23.7%
2007	693	128.5	-7.2%
2008	564	103.7	-19.3%
2009	433	79.1	-23.7%

Ex-Spouse Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	67	12.5	
2006	35	6.5	-48.0%
2007	22	4.1	-37.4%
2008	23	4.2	+3.7%
2009	18	3.3	-22.2%

Notes: Victimization rate is expressed per 10,000. Change represents the change in victimization rate from one year to the next.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; population estimates, ORS.

Family Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	291	54.4	
2006	207	38.5	-29.2%
2007	207	38.4	-0.3%
2008	176	32.4	-15.7%
2009	129	23.6	-27.1%

Marital Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	338	63.2	
2006	230	42.8	-32.3%
2007	190	35.2	-17.7%
2008	142	26.1	-25.9%
2009	99	18.1	-30.7%

Violence in Romantic Relationships

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	281	52.5	
2006	275	51.2	-2.6%
2007	274	50.8	-0.7%
2008	223	41.0	-19.3%
2009	189	34.5	-15.7%

Notes: Victimization rate is expressed per 10,000. Change represents the change in victimization rate from one year to the next.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; population estimates, ORS.

Victim Characteristics

Domestic Violence Victims by Sex

Sex	Number	Percent
Female	2,643	77.6%
Male	759	22.3%
Unknown	2	0.1%
Total	3,404	100.0%

Domestic Violence Victims by Race

Race	Number	Percent
Asian	5	0.1%
Black	1,021	30.0%
Native American	2	0.1%
Unknown	2	0.1%
White	2,374	69.7%
Total	3,404	100.0%

Domestic Violence Victims by Ethnicity

Ethnicity	Number	Percent
Hispanic	18	0.5%
Non-Hispanic	3,381	99.3%
Unknown	5	0.1%
Total	3,404	100.0%

Domestic Violence Victims by Victim Residence

Residence	Number	Percent
Reporting Jurisdiction	3,068	90.1%
Out of State	51	1.5%
In-State, Not in Jurisdiction	275	8.1%
Unknown	10	0.3%
Total	3,404	100.0%

Source: SCIBRS, SLED.

CHESTER COUNTY

Five Year Trends

Criminal Domestic Violence Proxy

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	112	34.1	
2006	120	36.8	+7.9%
2007	128	39.2	+6.7%
2008	154	47.2	+20.4%
2009	112	34.6	-26.8%

Domestic Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	525	159.6	
2006	541	165.7	+3.8%
2007	545	167.3	+0.9%
2008	636	195.0	+16.5%
2009	649	200.2	+2.7%

Ex-Spouse Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	9	2.7	
2006	7	2.1	-21.6%
2007	15	4.6	+114.3%
2008	15	4.6	0.0%
2009	15	4.6	0.0%

Notes: Victimization rate is expressed per 10,000. Change represents the change in victimization rate from one year to the next.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; population estimates, ORS.

Family Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	199	60.5	
2006	193	59.1	-2.3%
2007	206	63.1	+6.7%
2008	232	71.1	+12.7%
2009	273	84.2	+18.4%

Marital Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	103	31.3	
2006	113	34.6	+10.5%
2007	114	34.9	+0.9%
2008	140	42.9	+22.9%
2009	97	29.9	-30.3%

Violence in Romantic Relationships

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	216	65.7	
2006	233	71.4	+8.7%
2007	212	64.9	-9.0%
2008	254	77.9	+19.9%
2009	266	82.1	+5.4%

Notes: Victimization rate is expressed per 10,000. Change represents the change in victimization rate from one year to the next.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; population estimates, ORS.

Victim Characteristics

Domestic Violence Victims by Sex

Sex	Number	Percent
Female	2,152	74.3%
Male	744	25.7%
Unknown	0	0.0%
Total	2,896	100.0%

Domestic Violence Victims by Race

Race	Number	Percent
Asian	3	0.1%
Black	1,517	52.4%
Native American	1	<0.1%
Unknown	14	0.5%
White	1,361	47.0%
Total	2,896	100.0%

Domestic Violence Victims by Ethnicity

Ethnicity	Number	Percent
Hispanic	16	0.6%
Non-Hispanic	2,777	95.9%
Unknown	103	3.6%
Total	2,896	100.0%

Domestic Violence Victims by Victim Residence

Residence	Number	Percent
Reporting Jurisdiction	2,611	90.2%
Out of State	20	0.7%
In-State, Not in Jurisdiction	182	6.3%
Unknown	83	2.9%
Total	2,896	100.0%

Source: SCIBRS, SLED.

CHESTERFIELD COUNTY

Five Year Trends

Criminal Domestic Violence Proxy

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	152	35.6	
2006	89	20.9	-41.3%
2007	108	25.3	+20.9%
2008	84	19.6	-22.4%
2009	103	23.9	+22.2%

Domestic Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	537	125.8	
2006	357	83.8	-33.4%
2007	435	101.7	+21.4%
2008	377	87.9	-13.6%
2009	507	117.8	+34.0%

Ex-Spouse Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	10	2.3	
2006	8	1.9	-19.8%
2007	6	1.4	-25.3%
2008	12	2.8	+99.5%
2009	9	2.1	-25.3%

Notes: Victimization rate is expressed per 10,000. Change represents the change in victimization rate from one year to the next.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; population estimates, ORS.

Family Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	158	37.0	
2006	124	29.1	-21.4%
2007	145	33.9	+16.5%
2008	136	31.7	-6.5%
2009	191	44.4	+39.9%

Marital Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	142	33.3	
2006	81	19.0	-42.8%
2007	103	24.1	+26.7%
2008	72	16.8	-30.3%
2009	95	22.1	+31.5%

Violence in Romantic Relationships

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	228	53.4	
2006	144	33.8	-36.7%
2007	184	43.0	+27.3%
2008	158	36.8	-14.4%
2009	214	49.7	+35.0%

Notes: Victimization rate is expressed per 10,000. Change represents the change in victimization rate from one year to the next.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; population estimates, ORS.

Victim Characteristics

Domestic Violence Victims by Sex

Sex	Number	Percent
Female	1,775	80.2%
Male	436	19.7%
Unknown	2	0.1%
Total	2,213	100.0%

Domestic Violence Victims by Race

Race	Number	Percent
Asian	4	0.2%
Black	1,110	50.2%
Native American	4	0.2%
Unknown	9	0.4%
White	1,086	49.1%
Total	2,213	100.0%

Domestic Violence Victims by Ethnicity

Ethnicity	Number	Percent
Hispanic	28	1.3%
Non-Hispanic	2,161	97.7%
Unknown	24	1.1%
Total	2,213	100.0%

Domestic Violence Victims by Victim Residence

Residence	Number	Percent
Reporting Jurisdiction	1,914	86.5%
Out of State	55	2.5%
In-State, Not in Jurisdiction	225	10.2%
Unknown	19	0.9%
Total	2,213	100.0%

Source: SCIBRS, SLED.

CLARENDON COUNTY

Five Year Trends

Criminal Domestic Violence Proxy

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	130	39.7	
2006	162	49.5	+24.5%
2007	135	41.3	-16.5%
2008	107	32.3	-21.9%
2009	116	35.2	+8.9%

Domestic Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	491	150.1	
2006	478	146.0	-2.7%
2007	450	137.7	-5.7%
2008	465	140.3	+1.9%
2009	434	131.6	-6.2%

Ex-Spouse Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	17	5.2	
2006	13	4.0	-23.6%
2007	13	4.0	0.0%
2008	12	3.6	-9.0%
2009	10	3.0	-16.3%

Notes: Victimization rate is expressed per 10,000. Change represents the change in victimization rate from one year to the next.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; population estimates, ORS.

Family Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	201	61.4	
2006	165	50.4	-18.0%
2007	188	57.5	+14.2%
2008	210	63.4	+10.1%
2009	180	54.6	-13.9%

Marital Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	115	35.1	
2006	149	45.5	+29.5%
2007	122	37.3	-18.0%
2008	95	28.7	-23.2%
2009	107	32.4	+13.2%

Violence in Romantic Relationships

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	160	48.9	
2006	152	46.4	-5.1%
2007	129	39.5	-15.0%
2008	148	44.6	+13.1%
2009	140	42.4	-4.9%

Notes: Victimization rate is expressed per 10,000. Change represents the change in victimization rate from one year to the next.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; population estimates, ORS.

Victim Characteristics

Domestic Violence Victims by Sex

Sex	Number	Percent
Female	1,720	74.2%
Male	597	25.8%
Unknown	1	<0.1%
Total	2,318	100.0%

Domestic Violence Victims by Race

Race	Number	Percent
Asian	10	0.4%
Black	1,474	63.6%
Native American	9	0.4%
Unknown	7	0.3%
White	818	35.3%
Total	2,318	100.0%

Domestic Violence Victims by Ethnicity

Ethnicity	Number	Percent
Hispanic	39	1.7%
Non-Hispanic	2,240	96.6%
Unknown	39	1.7%
Total	2,318	100.0%

Domestic Violence Victims by Victim Residence

Residence	Number	Percent
Reporting Jurisdiction	1,995	86.1%
Out of State	24	1.0%
In-State, Not in Jurisdiction	269	11.6%
Unknown	30	1.3%
Total	2,318	100.0%

Source: SCIBRS, SLED.

COLLETON COUNTY

Five Year Trends

Criminal Domestic Violence Proxy

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	421	108.2	
2006	347	89.1	-17.6%
2007	299	76.8	-13.8%
2008	254	65.3	-15.1%
2009	243	62.4	-4.3%

Domestic Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	945	242.8	
2006	797	204.7	-15.7%
2007	815	209.4	+2.3%
2008	781	200.6	-4.2%
2009	716	183.9	-8.3%

Ex-Spouse Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	27	6.9	
2006	19	4.9	-29.6%
2007	21	5.4	+10.5%
2008	20	5.1	-4.8%
2009	18	4.6	-10.0%

Notes: Victimization rate is expressed per 10,000. Change represents the change in victimization rate from one year to the next.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; population estimates, ORS.

Family Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	945	242.8	
2006	797	204.7	-15.7%
2007	815	209.4	+2.3%
2008	781	200.6	-4.2%
2009	716	183.9	-8.3%

Marital Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	399	102.5	
2006	330	84.8	-17.3%
2007	278	71.4	-15.8%
2008	235	60.4	-15.5%
2009	225	57.8	-4.3%

Violence in Romantic Relationships

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	181	46.5	
2006	178	45.7	-1.7%
2007	218	56.0	+22.5%
2008	250	64.2	+14.7%
2009	220	56.5	-12.0%

Notes: Victimization rate is expressed per 10,000. Change represents the change in victimization rate from one year to the next.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; population estimates, ORS.

Victim Characteristics

Domestic Violence Victims by Sex

Sex	Number	Percent
Female	2,951	72.8%
Male	1,103	27.2%
Unknown	0	0.0%
Total	4,054	100.0%

Domestic Violence Victims by Race

Race	Number	Percent
Asian	4	0.1%
Black	2,140	52.8%
Native American	12	0.3%
Unknown	10	0.2%
White	1,888	46.6%
Total	4,054	100.0%

Domestic Violence Victims by Ethnicity

Ethnicity	Number	Percent
Hispanic	40	1.0%
Non-Hispanic	3,799	93.7%
Unknown	215	5.3%
Total	4,054	100.0%

Domestic Violence Victims by Victim Residence

Residence	Number	Percent
Reporting Jurisdiction	3,678	90.7%
Out of State	52	1.3%
In-State, Not in Jurisdiction	316	7.8%
Unknown	8	0.2%
Total	4,054	100.0%

Source: SCIBRS, SLED.

DARLINGTON COUNTY

Five Year Trends

Criminal Domestic Violence Proxy

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	531	79.4	
2006	360	53.9	-32.2%
2007	303	45.4	-15.8%
2008	306	45.7	+0.7%
2009	292	43.9	-3.7%

Domestic Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	1,675	250.5	
2006	1,341	200.6	-19.9%
2007	1,190	178.1	-11.2%
2008	1,133	169.0	-5.1%
2009	1,179	177.4	+5.0%

Ex-Spouse Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	52	7.8	
2006	30	4.5	-42.3%
2007	28	4.2	-6.6%
2008	27	4.0	-3.9%
2009	27	4.1	+0.9%

Notes: Victimization rate is expressed per 10,000. Change represents the change in victimization rate from one year to the next.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; population estimates, ORS.

Family Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	627	93.8	
2006	561	83.9	-10.5%
2007	418	62.6	-25.4%
2008	406	60.6	-3.2%
2009	423	63.7	+5.1%

Marital Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	482	72.1	
2006	330	49.4	-31.5%
2007	279	41.8	-15.4%
2008	279	41.6	-0.3%
2009	266	40.0	-3.8%

Violence in Romantic Relationships

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	525	78.5	
2006	440	65.8	-16.2%
2007	469	70.2	+6.7%
2008	430	64.1	-8.6%
2009	472	71.0	+10.7%

Notes: Victimization rate is expressed per 10,000. Change represents the change in victimization rate from one year to the next.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; population estimates, ORS.

Victim Characteristics

Domestic Violence Victims by Sex

Sex	Number	Percent
Female	4,887	75.0%
Male	1,630	25.0%
Unknown	1	<0.1%
Total	6,518	100.0%

Domestic Violence Victims by Race

Race	Number	Percent
Asian	6	0.1%
Black	3,558	54.6%
Native American	4	0.1%
Unknown	3	<0.1%
White	2,947	45.2%
Total	6,518	100.0%

Domestic Violence Victims by Ethnicity

Ethnicity	Number	Percent
Hispanic	41	0.6%
Non-Hispanic	6,431	98.7%
Unknown	46	0.7%
Total	6,518	100.0%

Domestic Violence Victims by Victim Residence

Residence	Number	Percent
Reporting Jurisdiction	5,827	89.4%
Out of State	34	0.5%
In-State, Not in Jurisdiction	630	9.7%
Unknown	27	0.4%
Total	6,518	100.0%

Source: SCIBRS, SLED.

DILLON COUNTY

Five Year Trends

Criminal Domestic Violence Proxy

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	118	38.4	
2006	75	24.4	-36.4%
2007	108	35.2	+44.1%
2008	98	31.9	-9.3%
2009	104	33.6	+5.4%

Domestic Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	383	124.8	
2006	316	103.0	-17.5%
2007	488	159.1	+54.5%
2008	470	153.1	-3.8%
2009	603	195.1	+27.4%

Ex-Spouse Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	10	3.3	
2006	4	1.3	-60.0%
2007	7	2.3	+75.1%
2008	6	2.0	-14.4%
2009	11	3.6	+82.1%

Notes: Victimization rate is expressed per 10,000. Change represents the change in victimization rate from one year to the next.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; population estimates, ORS.

Family Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	123	40.1	
2006	106	34.5	-13.8%
2007	182	59.3	+71.8%
2008	156	50.8	-14.4%
2009	226	73.1	+43.9%

Marital Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	109	35.5	
2006	71	23.1	-34.8%
2007	103	33.6	+45.1%
2008	92	30.0	-10.8%
2009	95	30.7	+2.5%

Violence in Romantic Relationships

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	142	46.3	
2006	135	44.0	-4.9%
2007	199	64.9	+47.5%
2008	218	71.0	+9.4%
2009	278	89.9	+26.6%

Notes: Victimization rate is expressed per 10,000. Change represents the change in victimization rate from one year to the next.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; population estimates, ORS.

Victim Characteristics

Domestic Violence Victims by Sex

Sex	Number	Percent
Female	1,737	76.9%
Male	521	23.1%
Unknown	2	0.1%
Total	2,260	100.0%

Domestic Violence Victims by Race

Race	Number	Percent
Asian	2	0.1%
Black	1,314	58.1%
Native American	75	3.3%
Unknown	6	0.3%
White	863	38.2%
Total	2,260	100.0%

Domestic Violence Victims by Ethnicity

Ethnicity	Number	Percent
Hispanic	12	0.5%
Non-Hispanic	2,193	97.0%
Unknown	55	2.4%
Total	2,260	100.0%

Domestic Violence Victims by Victim Residence

Residence	Number	Percent
Reporting Jurisdiction	1,895	83.8%
Out of State	46	2.0%
In-State, Not in Jurisdiction	268	11.9%
Unknown	51	2.3%
Total	2,260	100.0%

Source: SCIBRS, SLED.

DORCHESTER COUNTY

Five Year Trends

Criminal Domestic Violence Proxy

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	752	67.4	
2006	604	51.3	-23.8%
2007	533	43.2	-15.8%
2008	584	45.9	+6.3%
2009	601	46.1	+0.3%

Domestic Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	1,665	149.2	
2006	1,457	123.9	-17.0%
2007	1,541	124.9	+0.9%
2008	1,602	126.0	+0.9%
2009	1,596	122.4	-2.9%

Ex-Spouse Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	61	5.5	
2006	30	2.6	-53.3%
2007	37	3.0	+17.6%
2008	42	3.3	+10.1%
2009	44	3.4	+2.1%

Notes: Victimization rate is expressed per 10,000. Change represents the change in victimization rate from one year to the next.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; population estimates, ORS.

Family Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	521	46.7	
2006	480	40.8	-12.6%
2007	535	43.4	+6.3%
2008	531	41.8	-3.7%
2009	531	40.7	-2.5%

Marital Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	692	62.0	
2006	576	49.0	-21.0%
2007	500	40.5	-17.2%
2008	544	42.8	+5.6%
2009	559	42.9	+0.2%

Violence in Romantic Relationships

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	396	35.5	
2006	382	32.5	-8.5%
2007	481	39.0	+20.1%
2008	504	39.6	+1.7%
2009	482	37.0	-6.8%

Notes: Victimization rate is expressed per 10,000. Change represents the change in victimization rate from one year to the next.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; population estimates, ORS.

Victim Characteristics

Domestic Violence Victims by Sex

Sex	Number	Percent
Female	5,672	72.2%
Male	2,189	27.8%
Unknown	0	0.0%
Total	7,861	100.0%

Domestic Violence Victims by Race

Race	Number	Percent
Asian	44	0.6%
Black	2,901	36.9%
Native American	37	0.5%
Unknown	11	0.1%
White	4,868	61.9%
Total	7,861	100.0%

Domestic Violence Victims by Ethnicity

Ethnicity	Number	Percent
Hispanic	144	1.8%
Non-Hispanic	7,673	97.6%
Unknown	44	0.6%
Total	7,861	100.0%

Domestic Violence Victims by Victim Residence

Residence	Number	Percent
Reporting Jurisdiction	7,137	90.8%
Out of State	41	0.5%
In-State, Not in Jurisdiction	680	8.7%
Unknown	3	<0.1%
Total	7,861	100.0%

Source: SCIBRS, SLED.

EDGEFIELD COUNTY

Five Year Trends

Criminal Domestic Violence Proxy

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	752	296.3	
2006	604	240.3	-18.9%
2007	533	210.2	-12.5%
2008	584	228.6	+8.8%
2009	601	233.4	+2.1%

Domestic Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	336	132.4	
2006	219	87.1	-34.2%
2007	185	73.0	-16.3%
2008	207	81.0	+11.1%
2009	181	70.3	-13.3%

Ex-Spouse Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	5	2.0	
2006	5	2.0	0.0%
2007	6	2.4	+18.9%
2008	7	2.7	+15.8%
2009	2	0.8	-71.7%

Notes: Victimization rate is expressed per 10,000. Change represents the change in victimization rate from one year to the next.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; population estimates, ORS.

Family Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	145	57.1	
2006	93	37.0	-35.2%
2007	80	31.5	-14.7%
2008	83	32.5	+3.0%
2009	67	26.0	-19.9%

Marital Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	96	37.8	
2006	56	22.3	-41.1%
2007	58	22.9	+2.7%
2008	37	14.5	-36.7%
2009	53	20.6	+42.1%

Violence in Romantic Relationships

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	90	35.5	
2006	65	25.9	-27.1%
2007	43	17.0	-34.4%
2008	80	31.3	+84.7%
2009	59	22.9	-26.8%

Notes: Victimization rate is expressed per 10,000. Change represents the change in victimization rate from one year to the next.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; population estimates, ORS.

Victim Characteristics

Domestic Violence Victims by Sex

Sex	Number	Percent
Female	790	70.0%
Male	338	30.0%
Unknown	0	0.0%
Total	1,128	100.0%

Domestic Violence Victims by Race

Race	Number	Percent
Asian	2	0.2%
Black	608	53.9%
Native American	0	0.0%
Unknown	0	0.0%
White	518	45.9%
Total	1,128	100.0%

Domestic Violence Victims by Ethnicity

Ethnicity	Number	Percent
Hispanic	18	1.6%
Non-Hispanic	1,107	98.1%
Unknown	3	0.3%
Total	1,128	100.0%

Domestic Violence Victims by Victim Residence

Residence	Number	Percent
Reporting Jurisdiction	1,035	91.8%
Out of State	15	1.3%
In-State, Not in Jurisdiction	78	6.9%
Unknown	0	0.0%
Total	1,128	100.0%

Source: SCIBRS, SLED.

FAIRFIELD COUNTY

Five Year Trends

Criminal Domestic Violence Proxy

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	149	62.9	
2006	131	55.5	-11.8%
2007	86	36.9	-33.4%
2008	77	32.9	-11.0%
2009	75	32.1	-2.2%

Domestic Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	547	231.0	
2006	434	183.8	-20.4%
2007	369	158.5	-13.8%
2008	383	163.4	+3.1%
2009	400	171.4	+4.9%

Ex-Spouse Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	6	2.5	
2006	8	3.4	+33.7%
2007	4	1.7	-49.3%
2008	12	5.1	+198.1%
2009	10	4.3	-16.3%

Notes: Victimization rate is expressed per 10,000. Change represents the change in victimization rate from one year to the next.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; population estimates, ORS.

Family Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	211	89.1	
2006	165	69.9	-21.6%
2007	153	65.7	-6.0%
2008	166	70.8	+7.8%
2009	155	66.4	-6.3%

Marital Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	143	60.4	
2006	126	53.4	-11.6%
2007	83	35.6	-33.2%
2008	65	27.7	-22.2%
2009	65	27.8	+0.4%

Violence in Romantic Relationships

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	194	81.9	
2006	137	58.0	-29.2%
2007	130	55.8	-3.8%
2008	141	60.2	+7.8%
2009	171	73.3	+21.8%

Notes: Victimization rate is expressed per 10,000. Change represents the change in victimization rate from one year to the next.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; population estimates, ORS.

Victim Characteristics

Domestic Violence Victims by Sex

Sex	Number	Percent
Female	1,554	72.9%
Male	578	27.1%
Unknown	1	<0.1%
Total	2,133	100.0%

Domestic Violence Victims by Race

Race	Number	Percent
Asian	1	<0.1%
Black	1,606	75.3%
Native American	1	<0.1%
Unknown	2	0.1%
White	523	24.5%
Total	2,133	100.0%

Domestic Violence Victims by Ethnicity

Ethnicity	Number	Percent
Hispanic	20	0.9%
Non-Hispanic	2,098	98.4%
Unknown	15	0.7%
Total	2,133	100.0%

Domestic Violence Victims by Victim Residence

Residence	Number	Percent
Reporting Jurisdiction	1,993	93.4%
Out of State	14	0.7%
In-State, Not in Jurisdiction	123	5.8%
Unknown	3	0.1%
Total	2,133	100.0%

Source: SCIBRS, SLED.

FLORENCE COUNTY

Five Year Trends

Criminal Domestic Violence Proxy

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	853	65.7	
2006	638	48.8	-25.7%
2007	627	47.6	-2.5%
2008	498	37.5	-21.2%
2009	415	30.9	-17.5%

Domestic Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	2,445	188.4	
2006	2,165	165.6	-12.1%
2007	2,216	168.2	+1.6%
2008	1,928	145.2	-13.7%
2009	1,632	121.6	-16.2%

Ex-Spouse Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	91	7.0	
2006	57	4.4	-37.8%
2007	54	4.1	-6.0%
2008	31	2.3	-43.1%
2009	32	2.4	+2.1%

Notes: Victimization rate is expressed per 10,000. Change represents the change in victimization rate from one year to the next.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; population estimates, ORS.

Family Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	765	58.9	
2006	653	49.9	-15.3%
2007	678	51.5	+3.1%
2008	577	43.4	-15.6%
2009	460	34.3	-21.1%

Marital Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	763	58.8	
2006	583	44.6	-24.1%
2007	575	43.6	-2.1%
2008	471	35.5	-18.7%
2009	385	28.7	-19.1%

Violence in Romantic Relationships

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	839	64.6	
2006	880	67.3	+4.1%
2007	930	70.6	+4.9%
2008	858	64.6	-8.5%
2009	758	56.5	-12.6%

Notes: Victimization rate is expressed per 10,000. Change represents the change in victimization rate from one year to the next.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; population estimates, ORS.

Victim Characteristics

Domestic Violence Victims by Sex

Sex	Number	Percent
Female	7,901	76.1%
Male	2,484	23.9%
Unknown	1	<0.1%
Total	10,386	100.0%

Domestic Violence Victims by Race

Race	Number	Percent
Asian	31	0.3%
Black	6,510	62.7%
Native American	4	<0.1%
Unknown	15	0.1%
White	3,826	36.8%
Total	10,386	100.0%

Domestic Violence Victims by Ethnicity

Ethnicity	Number	Percent
Hispanic	79	0.8%
Non-Hispanic	10,291	99.1%
Unknown	16	0.2%
Total	10,386	100.0%

Domestic Violence Victims by Victim Residence

Residence	Number	Percent
Reporting Jurisdiction	9,238	88.9%
Out of State	95	0.9%
In-State, Not in Jurisdiction	1,031	9.9%
Unknown	22	0.2%
Total	10,386	100.0%

Source: SCIBRS, SLED.

GEORGETOWN COUNTY

Five Year Trends

Criminal Domestic Violence Proxy

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	285	47.9	
2006	259	43.2	-9.8%
2007	259	42.9	-0.8%
2008	260	42.8	-0.2%
2009	256	42.2	-1.5%

Domestic Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	890	149.7	
2006	712	118.8	-20.6%
2007	848	140.4	+18.2%
2008	879	144.7	+3.1%
2009	789	130.0	-10.2%

Ex-Spouse Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	49	8.2	
2006	32	5.3	-35.2%
2007	25	4.1	-22.5%
2008	32	5.3	+27.3%
2009	31	5.1	-3.1%

Notes: Victimization rate is expressed per 10,000. Change represents the change in victimization rate from one year to the next.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; population estimates, ORS.

Family Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	348	58.5	
2006	262	43.7	-25.3%
2007	296	49.0	+12.1%
2008	295	48.6	-0.9%
2009	275	45.3	-6.7%

Marital Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	238	40.0	
2006	230	38.4	-4.1%
2007	235	38.9	+1.4%
2008	228	37.5	-3.5%
2009	226	37.2	-0.8%

Violence in Romantic Relationships

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	258	43.4	
2006	191	31.9	-26.5%
2007	296	49.0	+53.8%
2008	327	53.8	+9.8%
2009	261	43.0	-20.1%

Notes: Victimization rate is expressed per 10,000. Change represents the change in victimization rate from one year to the next.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; population estimates, ORS.

Victim Characteristics

Domestic Violence Victims by Sex

Sex	Number	Percent
Female	3,005	73.0%
Male	1,112	27.0%
Unknown	1	<0.1%
Total	4,118	100.0%

Domestic Violence Victims by Race

Race	Number	Percent
Asian	6	0.1%
Black	1,988	48.3%
Native American	2	<0.1%
Unknown	5	0.1%
White	2,117	51.4%
Total	4,118	100.0%

Domestic Violence Victims by Ethnicity

Ethnicity	Number	Percent
Hispanic	58	1.4%
Non-Hispanic	4,028	97.8%
Unknown	32	0.8%
Total	4,118	100.0%

Domestic Violence Victims by Victim Residence

Residence	Number	Percent
Reporting Jurisdiction	3,713	90.2%
Out of State	56	1.4%
In-State, Not in Jurisdiction	344	8.4%
Unknown	5	0.1%
Total	4,118	100.0%

GREENVILLE COUNTY

Five Year Trends

Criminal Domestic Violence Proxy

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	1,834	45.2	
2006	1,356	32.6	-27.8%
2007	1,235	28.9	-11.4%
2008	1,190	27.2	-6.0%
2009	1,208	26.8	-1.5%

Domestic Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	4,721	116.3	
2006	3,670	88.3	-24.1%
2007	3,739	87.5	-0.9%
2008	3,915	89.4	+2.2%
2009	4,179	92.6	+3.6%

Ex-Spouse Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	107	2.6	
2006	91	2.2	-17.0%
2007	72	1.7	-23.1%
2008	88	2.0	+19.2%
2009	96	2.1	+5.9%

Notes: Victimization rate is expressed per 10,000. Change represents the change in victimization rate from one year to the next.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; population estimates, ORS.

Family Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	1,442	35.5	
2006	1,094	26.3	-25.9%
2007	1,158	27.1	+2.9%
2008	1,202	27.4	+1.3%
2009	1,324	29.3	+6.9%

Marital Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	1,737	42.8	
2006	1,272	30.6	-28.5%
2007	1,172	27.4	-10.4%
2008	1,116	25.5	-7.1%
2009	1,129	25.0	-1.8%

Violence in Romantic Relationships

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	1,450	35.7	
2006	1,220	29.3	-17.9%
2007	1,350	31.6	+7.6%
2008	1,527	34.9	+10.4%
2009	1,656	36.7	+5.3%

Notes: Victimization rate is expressed per 10,000. Change represents the change in victimization rate from one year to the next.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; population estimates, ORS.

Victim Characteristics

Domestic Violence Victims by Sex

Sex	Number	Percent
Female	14,983	74.1%
Male	5,240	25.9%
Unknown	1	<0.1%
Total	20,224	100.0%

Domestic Violence Victims by Race

Race	Number	Percent
Asian	76	0.4%
Black	7,359	36.4%
Native American	4	<0.1%
Unknown	43	0.2%
White	12,742	63.0%
Total	20,224	100.0%

Domestic Violence Victims by Ethnicity

Ethnicity	Number	Percent
Hispanic	1,025	5.1%
Non-Hispanic	19,064	94.3%
Unknown	135	0.7%
Total	20,224	100.0%

Domestic Violence Victims by Victim Residence

Residence	Number	Percent
Reporting Jurisdiction	18,639	92.2%
Out of State	160	0.8%
In-State, Not in Jurisdiction	1,381	6.8%
Unknown	44	0.2%
Total	20,224	100.0%

Source: SCIBRS, SLED.

GREENWOOD COUNTY

Five Year Trends

Criminal Domestic Violence Proxy

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	802	118.6	
2006	519	76.5	-35.6%
2007	471	69.1	-9.6%
2008	381	55.6	-19.6%
2009	325	46.6	-16.1%

Domestic Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	1,961	290.1	
2006	1,499	220.8	-23.9%
2007	1,359	199.3	-9.7%
2008	1,234	180.0	-9.7%
2009	1,286	184.6	+2.5%

Ex-Spouse Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	72	10.7	
2006	46	6.8	-36.4%
2007	34	5.0	-26.4%
2008	31	4.5	-9.3%
2009	23	3.3	-27.0%

Notes: Victimization rate is expressed per 10,000. Change represents the change in victimization rate from one year to the next.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; population estimates, ORS.

Family Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	647	95.7	
2006	468	68.9	-28.0%
2007	428	62.8	-8.9%
2008	416	60.7	-3.3%
2009	439	63.0	+3.8%

Marital Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	734	108.6	
2006	477	70.3	-35.3%
2007	441	64.7	-7.9%
2008	352	51.4	-20.6%
2009	303	43.5	-15.3%

Violence in Romantic Relationships

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	524	77.5	
2006	522	76.9	-0.8%
2007	469	68.8	-10.5%
2008	444	64.8	-5.8%
2009	529	75.9	+17.2%

Notes: Victimization rate is expressed per 10,000. Change represents the change in victimization rate from one year to the next.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; population estimates, ORS.

Victim Characteristics

Domestic Violence Victims by Sex

Sex	Number	Percent
Female	5,459	72.3%
Male	2,092	27.7%
Unknown	2	<0.1%
Total	7,553	100.0%

Domestic Violence Victims by Race

Race	Number	Percent
Asian	3	<0.1%
Black	3,948	53.8%
Native American	4	0.1%
Unknown	34	0.5%
White	3,350	45.6%
Total	7,339	100.0%

Domestic Violence Victims by Ethnicity

Ethnicity	Number	Percent
Hispanic	211	2.9%
Non-Hispanic	7,028	95.8%
Unknown	100	1.4%
Total	7,339	100.0%

Domestic Violence Victims by Victim Residence

Residence	Number	Percent
Reporting Jurisdiction	6,817	92.9%
Out of State	35	0.5%
In-State, Not in Jurisdiction	478	6.5%
Unknown	9	0.1%
Total	7,339	100.0%

Source: SCIBRS, SLED.

HAMPTON COUNTY

Five Year Trends

Criminal Domestic Violence Proxy

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	106	50.5	
2006	93	44.1	-12.7%
2007	86	40.6	-7.9%
2008	85	40.3	-0.7%
2009	48	22.8	-43.4%

Domestic Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	306	145.8	
2006	267	126.7	-13.1%
2007	265	125.2	-1.2%
2008	284	134.8	+7.6%
2009	157	74.7	-44.6%

Ex-Spouse Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	8	3.8	
2006	14	6.6	+74.2%
2007	2	0.9	-85.8%
2008	2	0.9	0.0%
2009	3	1.4	+50.4%

Notes: Victimization rate is expressed per 10,000. Change represents the change in victimization rate from one year to the next.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; population estimates, ORS.

Family Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	116	55.3	
2006	95	45.1	-18.5%
2007	112	52.9	+17.4%
2008	122	57.9	+9.4%
2009	77	36.6	-36.7%

Marital Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	98	46.7	
2006	79	37.5	-19.7%
2007	84	39.7	+5.9%
2008	84	39.9	+0.4%
2009	46	21.9	-45.1%

Violence in Romantic Relationships

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	85	40.5	
2006	80	38.0	-6.3%
2007	68	32.1	-15.4%
2008	79	37.5	+16.7%
2009	32	15.2	-59.4%

Notes: Victimization rate is expressed per 10,000. Change represents the change in victimization rate from one year to the next.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; population estimates, ORS.

Victim Characteristics

Domestic Violence Victims by Sex

Sex	Number	Percent
Female	958	74.9%
Male	319	24.9%
Unknown	2	0.2%
Total	1,279	100.0%

Domestic Violence Victims by Race

Race	Number	Percent
Asian	1	0.1%
Black	834	65.2%
Native American	0	0.0%
Unknown	2	0.2%
White	442	34.6%
Total	1,279	100.0%

Domestic Violence Victims by Ethnicity

Ethnicity	Number	Percent
Hispanic	6	0.5%
Non-Hispanic	1,256	98.2%
Unknown	17	1.3%
Total	1,279	100.0%

Domestic Violence Victims by Victim Residence

Residence	Number	Percent
Reporting Jurisdiction	1,195	93.4%
Out of State	10	0.8%
In-State, Not in Jurisdiction	71	5.6%
Unknown	3	0.2%
Total	1,279	100.0%

Source: SCIBRS, SLED.

HORRY COUNTY

Five Year Trends

Criminal Domestic Violence Proxy

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	1,320	57.8	
2006	1,286	53.7	-7.1%
2007	1,417	56.7	+5.7%
2008	1,292	50.2	-11.5%
2009	1,085	41.1	-18.1%

Domestic Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	4,078	178.7	
2006	4,062	169.6	-5.1%
2007	4,266	170.8	+0.7%
2008	4,197	163.1	-4.5%
2009	3,579	135.6	-16.8%

Ex-Spouse Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	83	3.6	
2006	115	4.8	+32.1%
2007	109	4.4	-9.1%
2008	159	6.2	+41.5%
2009	84	3.2	-48.5%

Notes: Victimization rate is expressed per 10,000. Change represents the change in victimization rate from one year to the next.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; population estimates, ORS.

Family Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	973	42.6	
2006	922	38.5	-9.7%
2007	918	36.8	-4.5%
2008	969	37.6	+2.4%
2009	808	30.6	-18.7%

Marital Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	1,246	54.6	
2006	1,179	49.2	-9.8%
2007	1,313	52.6	+6.8%
2008	1,143	44.4	-15.5%
2009	1,005	38.1	-14.2%

Violence in Romantic Relationships

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	1,801	78.9	
2006	1,866	77.9	-1.3%
2007	1,948	78.0	+0.1%
2008	1,952	75.8	-2.8%
2009	1,711	64.8	-14.5%

Notes: Victimization rate is expressed per 10,000. Change represents the change in victimization rate from one year to the next.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; population estimates, ORS.

Victim Characteristics

Domestic Violence Victims by Sex

Sex	Number	Percent
Female	14,929	74.0%
Male	5,240	26.0%
Unknown	13	0.1%
Total	20,182	100.0%

Domestic Violence Victims by Race

Race	Number	Percent
Asian	27	0.1%
Black	4,895	24.3%
Native American	31	0.2%
Unknown	72	0.4%
White	15,157	75.1%
Total	20,182	100.0%

Domestic Violence Victims by Ethnicity

Ethnicity	Number	Percent
Hispanic	653	3.2%
Non-Hispanic	19,458	96.4%
Unknown	71	0.4%
Total	20,182	100.0%

Domestic Violence Victims by Victim Residence

Residence	Number	Percent
Reporting Jurisdiction	18,137	89.9%
Out of State	971	4.8%
In-State, Not in Jurisdiction	1,033	5.1%
Unknown	41	0.2%
Total	20,182	100.0%

Source: SCIBRS, SLED.

JASPER COUNTY

Five Year Trends

Criminal Domestic Violence Proxy

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	172	81.4	
2006	146	67.9	-16.6%
2007	125	57.1	-16.0%
2008	114	51.1	-10.6%
2009	92	39.6	-22.4%

Domestic Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	592	280.3	
2006	463	215.4	-23.1%
2007	391	178.5	-17.1%
2008	377	168.8	-5.4%
2009	317	136.5	-19.1%

Ex-Spouse Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	16	7.6	
2006	18	8.4	+10.6%
2007	9	4.1	-50.9%
2008	15	6.7	+63.5%
2009	5	2.2	-67.9%

Notes: Victimization rate is expressed per 10,000. Change represents the change in victimization rate from one year to the next.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; population estimates, ORS.

Family Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	209	98.9	
2006	180	83.8	-15.4%
2007	137	62.6	-25.3%
2008	158	70.8	+13.1%
2009	130	56.0	-20.9%

Marital Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	159	75.3	
2006	129	60.0	-20.3%
2007	118	53.9	-10.2%
2008	100	44.8	-16.9%
2009	88	37.9	-15.4%

Violence in Romantic Relationships

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	211	99.9	
2006	139	64.7	-35.3%
2007	133	60.7	-6.1%
2008	110	49.3	-18.9%
2009	95	40.9	-17.0%

Notes: Victimization rate is expressed per 10,000. Change represents the change in victimization rate from one year to the next.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; population estimates, ORS.

Victim Characteristics

Domestic Violence Victims by Sex

Sex	Number	Percent
Female	1,576	73.6%
Male	562	26.3%
Unknown	2	0.1%
Total	2,140	100.0%

Domestic Violence Victims by Race

Race	Number	Percent
Asian	4	0.2%
Black	1,334	62.3%
Native American	1	<0.1%
Unknown	18	0.8%
White	783	36.6%
Total	2,140	100.0%

Domestic Violence Victims by Ethnicity

Ethnicity	Number	Percent
Hispanic	134	6.3%
Non-Hispanic	2,000	93.5%
Unknown	6	0.3%
Total	2,140	100.0%

Domestic Violence Victims by Victim Residence

Residence	Number	Percent
Reporting Jurisdiction	1,830	85.5%
Out of State	69	3.2%
In-State, Not in Jurisdiction	238	11.1%
Unknown	3	0.1%
Total	2,140	100.0%

Source: SCIBRS, SLED.

KERSHAW COUNTY

Five Year Trends

Criminal Domestic Violence Proxy

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	113	20.3	
2006	104	18.2	-9.9%
2007	127	21.8	+19.7%
2008	178	30.2	+38.3%
2009	220	36.6	+21.2%

Domestic Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	361	64.7	
2006	320	56.1	-13.3%
2007	415	71.4	+27.2%
2008	531	90.2	+26.3%
2009	640	106.6	+18.2%

Ex-Spouse Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	10	1.8	
2006	8	1.4	-21.7%
2007	16	2.8	+96.1%
2008	11	1.9	-32.1%
2009	13	2.2	+15.9%

Notes: Victimization rate is expressed per 10,000. Change represents the change in victimization rate from one year to the next.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; population estimates, ORS.

Family Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	146	26.2	
2006	122	21.4	-18.2%
2007	170	29.2	+36.6%
2008	215	36.5	+24.8%
2009	220	36.6	+0.4%

Marital Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	106	19.0	
2006	97	17.0	-10.5%
2007	112	19.3	+13.2%
2008	169	28.7	+48.9%
2009	209	34.8	+21.3%

Violence in Romantic Relationships

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	100	17.9	
2006	95	16.7	-7.0%
2007	121	20.8	+24.9%
2008	145	24.6	+18.3%
2009	201	33.5	+36.0%

Notes: Victimization rate is expressed per 10,000. Change represents the change in victimization rate from one year to the next.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; population estimates, ORS.

Victim Characteristics

Domestic Violence Victims by Sex

Sex	Number	Percent
Female	1,665	73.4%
Male	600	26.5%
Unknown	2	0.1%
Total	2,267	100.0%

Domestic Violence Victims by Race

Race	Number	Percent
Asian	4	0.2%
Black	823	36.3%
Native American	1	<0.1%
Unknown	12	0.5%
White	1,427	62.9%
Total	2,267	100.0%

Domestic Violence Victims by Ethnicity

Ethnicity	Number	Percent
Hispanic	25	1.1%
Non-Hispanic	2,215	97.7%
Unknown	27	1.2%
Total	2,267	100.0%

Domestic Violence Victims by Victim Residence

Residence	Number	Percent
Reporting Jurisdiction	1,908	84.2%
Out of State	36	1.6%
In-State, Not in Jurisdiction	319	14.1%
Unknown	4	0.2%
Total	2,267	100.0%

Source: SCIBRS, SLED.

LANCASTER COUNTY

Five Year Trends

Criminal Domestic Violence Proxy

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	400	57.3	
2006	264	36.8	-35.8%
2007	252	34.3	-6.9%
2008	199	26.2	-23.5%
2009	220	28.3	+7.9%

Domestic Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	1,162	166.6	
2006	926	129.1	-22.5%
2007	933	126.9	-1.7%
2008	833	109.7	-13.5%
2009	883	113.5	+3.5%

Ex-Spouse Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	55	7.9	
2006	36	5.0	-36.3%
2007	27	3.7	-26.9%
2008	17	2.2	-39.0%
2009	22	2.8	+26.3%

Notes: Victimization rate is expressed per 10,000. Change represents the change in victimization rate from one year to the next.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; population estimates, ORS.

Family Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	374	53.6	
2006	306	42.7	-20.4%
2007	343	46.6	+9.3%
2008	302	39.8	-14.7%
2009	342	44.0	+10.5%

Marital Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	348	49.9	
2006	229	31.9	-36.0%
2007	226	30.7	-3.7%
2008	183	24.1	-21.6%
2009	199	25.6	+6.2%

Violence in Romantic Relationships

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	397	56.9	
2006	362	50.5	-11.3%
2007	348	47.3	-6.2%
2008	337	44.4	-6.2%
2009	329	42.3	-4.7%

Notes: Victimization rate is expressed per 10,000. Change represents the change in victimization rate from one year to the next.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; population estimates, ORS.

Victim Characteristics

Domestic Violence Victims by Sex

Sex	Number	Percent
Female	3,554	75.0%
Male	1,183	25.0%
Unknown	0	0.0%
Total	4,737	100.0%

Domestic Violence Victims by Race

Race	Number	Percent
Asian	3	0.1%
Black	1,853	39.1%
Native American	0	0.0%
Unknown	8	0.2%
White	2,873	60.7%
Total	4,737	100.0%

Domestic Violence Victims by Ethnicity

Ethnicity	Number	Percent
Hispanic	72	1.5%
Non-Hispanic	4,659	98.4%
Unknown	6	0.1%
Total	4,737	100.0%

Domestic Violence Victims by Victim Residence

Residence	Number	Percent
Reporting Jurisdiction	4,310	91.0%
Out of State	47	1.0%
In-State, Not in Jurisdiction	379	8.0%
Unknown	1	<0.1%
Total	4,737	100.0%

Source: SCIBRS, SLED.

LAURENS COUNTY

Five Year Trends

Criminal Domestic Violence Proxy

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	591	85.2	
2006	369	53.2	-37.6%
2007	270	38.8	-27.0%
2008	384	55.1	+41.9%
2009	292	41.7	-24.4%

Domestic Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	1,401	202.1	
2006	1,050	151.4	-25.1%
2007	954	137.2	-9.4%
2008	1,217	174.7	+27.3%
2009	1,194	170.5	-2.4%

Ex-Spouse Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	37	5.3	
2006	32	4.6	-13.6%
2007	19	2.7	-40.8%
2008	24	3.4	+26.0%
2009	19	2.7	-21.2%

Notes: Victimization rate is expressed per 10,000. Change represents the change in victimization rate from one year to the next.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; population estimates, ORS.

Family Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	460	66.4	
2006	347	50.0	-24.6%
2007	354	50.9	+1.8%
2008	421	60.4	+18.7%
2009	423	60.4	0.0%

Marital Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	557	80.3	
2006	341	49.2	-38.8%
2007	252	36.2	-26.3%
2008	361	51.8	+42.9%
2009	274	39.1	-24.5%

Violence in Romantic Relationships

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	356	51.4	
2006	339	48.9	-4.8%
2007	339	48.8	-0.2%
2008	423	60.7	+24.5%
2009	486	69.4	+14.3%

Notes: Victimization rate is expressed per 10,000. Change represents the change in victimization rate from one year to the next.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; population estimates, ORS.

Victim Characteristics

Domestic Violence Victims by Sex

Sex	Number	Percent
Female	4,264	73.3%
Male	1,549	26.6%
Unknown	3	0.1%
Total	5,816	100.0%

Domestic Violence Victims by Race

Race	Number	Percent
Asian	6	0.1%
Black	2,531	43.5%
Native American	0	0.0%
Unknown	3	0.1%
White	3,276	56.3%
Total	5,816	100.0%

Domestic Violence Victims by Ethnicity

Ethnicity	Number	Percent
Hispanic	73	1.3%
Non-Hispanic	5,687	97.8%
Unknown	56	1.0%
Total	5,816	100.0%

Domestic Violence Victims by Victim Residence

Residence	Number	Percent
Reporting Jurisdiction	4,988	85.8%
Out of State	24	0.4%
In-State, Not in Jurisdiction	748	12.9%
Unknown	56	1.0%
Total	5,816	100.0%

Source: SCIBRS, SLED.

LEE COUNTY

Five Year Trends

Criminal Domestic Violence Proxy

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	112	55.4	
2006	73	36.3	-34.5%
2007	58	29.0	-20.2%
2008	57	28.7	-1.1%
2009	62	31.4	+9.7%

Domestic Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	287	142.0	
2006	225	111.9	-21.2%
2007	212	105.9	-5.3%
2008	226	113.6	+7.2%
2009	186	94.3	-17.0%

Ex-Spouse Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	6	3.0	
2006	7	3.5	+17.3%
2007	3	1.5	-56.9%
2008	4	2.0	+34.1%
2009	7	3.5	+76.5%

Notes: Victimization rate is expressed per 10,000. Change represents the change in victimization rate from one year to the next.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; population estimates, ORS.

Family Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	91	45.0	
2006	74	36.8	-18.2%
2007	88	44.0	+19.5%
2008	105	52.8	+20.0%
2009	68	34.5	-34.7%

Marital Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	106	52.4	
2006	66	32.8	-37.4%
2007	55	27.5	-16.3%
2008	53	26.6	-3.1%
2009	55	27.9	+4.7%

Violence in Romantic Relationships

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	86	42.6	
2006	79	39.3	-7.7%
2007	66	33.0	-16.1%
2008	64	32.2	-2.4%
2009	56	28.4	-11.8%

Notes: Victimization rate is expressed per 10,000. Change represents the change in victimization rate from one year to the next.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; population estimates, ORS.

Victim Characteristics

Domestic Violence Victims by Sex

Sex	Number	Percent
Female	853	75.1%
Male	281	24.7%
Unknown	2	0.2%
Total	1,136	100.0%

Domestic Violence Victims by Race

Race	Number	Percent
Asian	4	0.4%
Black	914	80.5%
Native American	0	0.0%
Unknown	3	0.3%
White	215	18.9%
Total	1,136	100.0%

Domestic Violence Victims by Ethnicity

Ethnicity	Number	Percent
Hispanic	11	1.0%
Non-Hispanic	1,112	97.9%
Unknown	13	1.1%
Total	1,136	100.0%

Domestic Violence Victims by Victim Residence

Residence	Number	Percent
Reporting Jurisdiction	1,049	92.3%
Out of State	13	1.1%
In-State, Not in Jurisdiction	73	6.4%
Unknown	1	0.1%
Total	1,136	100.0%

Source: SCIBRS, SLED.

LEXINGTON COUNTY

Five Year Trends

Criminal Domestic Violence Proxy

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	960	41.2	
2006	802	33.7	-18.2%
2007	875	36.0	+6.9%
2008	761	30.6	-15.0%
2009	707	27.7	-9.7%

Domestic Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	2,774	119.1	
2006	2,404	101.0	-15.1%
2007	2,726	112.3	+11.1%
2008	2,455	98.8	-12.0%
2009	2,604	101.9	+3.1%

Ex-Spouse Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	45	1.9	
2006	58	2.4	+26.2%
2007	56	2.3	-5.4%
2008	59	2.4	+2.9%
2009	58	2.3	-4.4%

Notes: Victimization rate is expressed per 10,000. Change represents the change in victimization rate from one year to the next.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; population estimates, ORS.

Family Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	754	32.4	
2006	727	30.6	-5.6%
2007	828	34.1	+11.6%
2008	754	30.3	-11.0%
2009	714	27.9	-7.9%

Marital Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	925	39.7	
2006	748	31.4	-20.8%
2007	828	34.1	+8.5%
2008	705	28.4	-16.8%
2009	658	25.7	-9.3%

Violence in Romantic Relationships

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	1,061	45.5	
2006	881	37.0	-18.7%
2007	1,028	42.3	+14.4%
2008	954	38.4	-9.3%
2009	1,186	46.4	+20.9%

Notes: Victimization rate is expressed per 10,000. Change represents the change in victimization rate from one year to the next.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; population estimates, ORS.

Victim Characteristics

Domestic Violence Victims by Sex

Sex	Number	Percent
Female	9,650	74.4%
Male	3,308	25.5%
Unknown	5	<0.1%
Total	12,963	100.0%

Domestic Violence Victims by Race

Race	Number	Percent
Asian	33	0.3%
Black	3,596	27.7%
Native American	9	0.1%
Unknown	2	<0.1%
White	9,323	71.9%
Total	12,963	100.0%

Domestic Violence Victims by Ethnicity

Ethnicity	Number	Percent
Hispanic	484	3.7%
Non-Hispanic	12,402	95.7%
Unknown	77	0.6%
Total	12,963	100.0%

Domestic Violence Victims by Victim Residence

Residence	Number	Percent
Reporting Jurisdiction	11,251	86.8%
Out of State	65	0.5%
In-State, Not in Jurisdiction	1,604	12.4%
Unknown	43	0.3%
Total	12,963	100.0%

Source: SCIBRS, SLED.

McCORMICK COUNTY

Five Year Trends

Criminal Domestic Violence Proxy

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	28	28.0	
2006	27	26.7	-4.4%
2007	12	11.9	-55.5%
2008	23	22.8	+91.3%
2009	12	11.8	-48.1%

Domestic Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	82	82.0	
2006	65	64.4	-21.4%
2007	73	72.5	+12.5%
2008	62	61.4	-15.2%
2009	49	48.3	-21.3%

Ex-Spouse Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	0	0.0	
2006	3	3.0	NA
2007	1	1.0	-66.6%
2008	4	4.0	+299.2%
2009	0	0.0	-100.0%

Notes: Victimization rate is expressed per 10,000. Change represents the change in victimization rate from one year to the next. A percent change cannot be calculated from a starting point of zero.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; population estimates, ORS.

Family Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	33	33.0	
2006	21	20.8	-36.9%
2007	40	39.7	+90.9%
2008	21	20.8	-47.6%
2009	11	10.8	-47.9%

Marital Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	28	28.0	
2006	24	23.8	-15.1%
2007	11	10.9	-54.1%
2008	20	19.8	+81.5%
2009	12	11.8	-40.3%

Violence in Romantic Relationships

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	21	21.0	
2006	18	17.8	-15.1%
2007	21	20.8	+16.9%
2008	17	16.8	-19.2%
2009	27	26.6	+58.1%

Notes: Victimization rate is expressed per 10,000. Change represents the change in victimization rate from one year to the next.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; population estimates, ORS.

Victim Characteristics

Domestic Violence Victims by Sex

Sex	Number	Percent
Female	252	76.1%
Male	78	23.6%
Unknown	1	0.3%
Total	331	100.0%

Domestic Violence Victims by Race

Race	Number	Percent
Asian	0	0.0%
Black	247	74.6%
Native American	0	0.0%
Unknown	0	0.0%
White	84	25.4%
Total	331	100.0%

Domestic Violence Victims by Ethnicity

Ethnicity	Number	Percent
Hispanic	3	0.9%
Non-Hispanic	325	98.2%
Unknown	3	0.9%
Total	331	100.0%

Domestic Violence Victims by Victim Residence

Residence	Number	Percent
Reporting Jurisdiction	286	86.4%
Out of State	10	3.0%
In-State, Not in Jurisdiction	35	10.6%
Unknown	0	0.0%
Total	331	100.0%

Source: SCIBRS, SLED.

MARION COUNTY

Five Year Trends

Criminal Domestic Violence Proxy

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	28	28.0	
2006	27	26.7	-4.4%
2007	12	11.9	-55.5%
2008	23	22.8	+91.3%
2009	12	11.8	-48.1%

Domestic Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	792	230.2	
2006	675	198.3	-13.9%
2007	679	200.4	+1.1%
2008	616	182.0	-9.2%
2009	629	187.9	+3.3%

Ex-Spouse Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	35	10.2	
2006	10	2.9	-71.1%
2007	23	6.8	+131.1%
2008	22	6.5	-4.2%
2009	18	5.4	-17.3%

Notes: Victimization rate is expressed per 10,000. Change represents the change in victimization rate from one year to the next.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; population estimates, ORS.

Family Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	239	69.5	
2006	246	72.3	+4.0%
2007	298	88.0	+21.7%
2008	241	71.2	-19.0%
2009	237	70.8	-0.6%

Marital Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	214	62.2	
2006	164	48.2	-22.6%
2007	147	43.4	-9.9%
2008	123	36.3	-16.2%
2009	119	35.6	-2.2%

Violence in Romantic Relationships

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	306	88.9	
2006	255	74.9	-15.8%
2007	217	64.1	-14.5%
2008	235	69.4	+8.4%
2009	258	77.1	+11.0%

Notes: Victimization rate is expressed per 10,000. Change represents the change in victimization rate from one year to the next.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; population estimates, ORS.

Victim Characteristics

Domestic Violence Victims by Sex

Sex	Number	Percent
Female	2,534	74.7%
Male	856	25.2%
Unknown	1	<0.1%
Total	3,391	100.0%

Domestic Violence Victims by Race

Race	Number	Percent
Asian	3	0.1%
Black	2,451	72.3%
Native American	6	0.2%
Unknown	5	0.1%
White	926	27.3%
Total	3,391	100.0%

Domestic Violence Victims by Ethnicity

Ethnicity	Number	Percent
Hispanic	9	0.3%
Non-Hispanic	3,319	97.9%
Unknown	63	1.9%
Total	3,391	100.0%

Domestic Violence Victims by Victim Residence

Residence	Number	Percent
Reporting Jurisdiction	3,040	89.6%
Out of State	26	0.8%
In-State, Not in Jurisdiction	215	6.3%
Unknown	110	3.2%
Total	3,391	100.0%

Source: SCIBRS, SLED.

MARLBORO COUNTY

Five Year Trends

Criminal Domestic Violence Proxy

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	155	56.2	
2006	101	34.9	-37.9%
2007	95	32.8	-6.0%
2008	78	27.2	-17.1%
2009	97	33.7	+24.0%

Domestic Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	735	266.4	
2006	541	186.9	-29.8%
2007	469	161.9	-13.4%
2008	403	140.4	-13.3%
2009	484	168.2	+19.8%

Ex-Spouse Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	13	4.7	
2006	11	3.8	-19.3%
2007	15	5.2	+36.2%
2008	4	1.4	-73.1%
2009	7	2.4	+74.5%

Notes: Victimization rate is expressed per 10,000. Change represents the change in victimization rate from one year to the next.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; population estimates, ORS.

Family Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	230	83.4	
2006	196	67.7	-18.8%
2007	165	56.9	-15.9%
2008	154	53.7	-5.8%
2009	187	65.0	+21.1%

Marital Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	142	51.5	
2006	91	31.4	-38.9%
2007	80	27.6	-12.2%
2008	76	26.5	-4.1%
2009	93	32.3	+22.0%

Violence in Romantic Relationships

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	355	128.7	
2006	246	85.0	-34.0%
2007	210	72.5	-14.7%
2008	169	58.9	-18.8%
2009	199	69.1	+17.4%

Notes: Victimization rate is expressed per 10,000. Change represents the change in victimization rate from one year to the next.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; population estimates, ORS.

Victim Characteristics

Domestic Violence Victims by Sex

Sex	Number	Percent
Female	1,993	75.7%
Male	638	24.2%
Unknown	1	<0.1%
Total	2,632	100.0%

Domestic Violence Victims by Race

Race	Number	Percent
Asian	2	0.1%
Black	1,553	59.0%
Native American	101	3.8%
Unknown	7	0.3%
White	969	36.8%
Total	2,632	100.0%

Domestic Violence Victims by Ethnicity

Ethnicity	Number	Percent
Hispanic	2	0.1%
Non-Hispanic	2,608	99.1%
Unknown	22	0.8%
Total	2,632	100.0%

Domestic Violence Victims by Victim Residence

Residence	Number	Percent
Reporting Jurisdiction	2,362	89.7%
Out of State	48	1.8%
In-State, Not in Jurisdiction	179	6.8%
Unknown	43	1.6%
Total	2,632	100.0%

Source: SCIBRS, SLED

NEWBERRY COUNTY

Five Year Trends

Criminal Domestic Violence Proxy

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	346	93.7	
2006	203	54.4	-41.9%
2007	208	55.3	+1.6%
2008	178	47.1	-14.9%
2009	164	42.3	-10.1%

Domestic Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	614	166.4	
2006	454	121.7	-26.8%
2007	422	112.2	-7.8%
2008	384	101.5	-9.5%
2009	382	98.5	-2.9%

Ex-Spouse Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	22	6.0	
2006	10	2.7	-55.0%
2007	12	3.2	+19.0%
2008	9	2.4	-25.4%
2009	10	2.6	+8.4%

Notes: Victimization rate is expressed per 10,000. Change represents the change in victimization rate from one year to the next.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; population estimates, ORS.

Family Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	157	42.5	
2006	126	33.8	-20.6%
2007	129	34.3	+1.6%
2008	111	29.3	-14.5%
2009	119	30.7	+4.6%

Marital Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	324	87.8	
2006	195	52.3	-40.4%
2007	197	52.4	+0.2%
2008	169	44.7	-14.7%
2009	155	40.0	-10.5%

Violence in Romantic Relationships

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	113	30.6	
2006	127	34.1	+11.2%
2007	98	26.1	-23.5%
2008	100	26.4	+1.4%
2009	107	27.6	+4.4%

Notes: Victimization rate is expressed per 10,000. Change represents the change in victimization rate from one year to the next.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; population estimates, ORS.

Victim Characteristics

Domestic Violence Victims by Sex

Sex	Number	Percent
Female	1,638	72.6%
Male	618	27.4%
Unknown	0	0.0%
Total	2,256	100.0%

Domestic Violence Victims by Race

Race	Number	Percent
Asian	1	<0.1%
Black	1,232	54.6%
Native American	0	0.0%
Unknown	1	<0.1%
White	1,022	45.3%
Total	2,256	100.0%

Domestic Violence Victims by Ethnicity

Ethnicity	Number	Percent
Hispanic	134	5.9%
Non-Hispanic	2,115	93.8%
Unknown	7	0.3%
Total	2,256	100.0%

Domestic Violence Victims by Victim Residence

Residence	Number	Percent
Reporting Jurisdiction	1,911	84.7%
Out of State	6	0.3%
In-State, Not in Jurisdiction	323	14.3%
Unknown	16	0.7%
Total	2,256	100.0%

Source: SCIBRS, SLED.

OCONEE COUNTY

Five Year Trends

Criminal Domestic Violence Proxy

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	286	41.3	
2006	227	32.5	-21.4%
2007	200	28.3	-12.9%
2008	164	23.0	-18.7%
2009	218	30.5	+32.5%

Domestic Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	716	103.4	
2006	573	82.0	-20.7%
2007	593	83.9	+2.3%
2008	498	69.9	-16.7%
2009	591	82.6	+18.3%

Ex-Spouse Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	29	4.2	
2006	19	2.7	-35.1%
2007	19	2.7	-1.1%
2008	15	2.1	-21.7%
2009	13	1.8	-13.6%

Notes: Victimization rate is expressed per 10,000. Change represents the change in victimization rate from one year to the next.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; population estimates, ORS.

Family Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	245	35.4	
2006	210	30.1	-15.1%
2007	214	30.3	+0.8%
2008	165	23.2	-23.6%
2009	195	27.3	+17.8%

Marital Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	262	37.8	
2006	209	29.9	-21.0%
2007	182	25.8	-13.9%
2008	151	21.2	-17.7%
2009	209	29.2	+37.9%

Violence in Romantic Relationships

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	183	26.4	
2006	140	20.0	-24.2%
2007	182	25.8	+28.6%
2008	169	23.7	-7.9%
2009	182	25.4	+7.3%

Notes: Victimization rate is expressed per 10,000. Change represents the change in victimization rate from one year to the next.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; population estimates, ORS.

Victim Characteristics

Domestic Violence Victims by Sex

Sex	Number	Percent
Female	2,168	73.0%
Male	798	26.9%
Unknown	5	0.2%
Total	2,971	100.0%

Domestic Violence Victims by Race

Race	Number	Percent
Asian	1	<0.1%
Black	457	15.4%
Native American	0	0.0%
Unknown	20	0.7%
White	2,493	83.9%
Total	2,971	100.0%

Domestic Violence Victims by Ethnicity

Ethnicity	Number	Percent
Hispanic	83	2.8%
Non-Hispanic	2,868	96.5%
Unknown	20	0.7%
Total	2,971	100.0%

Domestic Violence Victims by Victim Residence

Residence	Number	Percent
Reporting Jurisdiction	2,670	89.9%
Out of State	21	0.7%
In-State, Not in Jurisdiction	269	9.1%
Unknown	11	0.4%
Total	2,971	100.0%

Source: SCIBRS, SLED.

ORANGEBURG COUNTY

Five Year Trends

Criminal Domestic Violence Proxy

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	587	64.7	
2006	361	40.2	-37.8%
2007	387	42.8	+6.5%
2008	396	43.8	+2.3%
2009	399	44.3	+1.0%

Domestic Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	1,767	194.8	
2006	1,338	149.1	-23.5%
2007	1,575	174.3	+16.9%
2008	1,679	185.9	+6.6%
2009	1,679	186.3	+0.2%

Ex-Spouse Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	25	2.8	
2006	25	2.8	+1.1%
2007	31	3.4	+23.1%
2008	25	2.8	-19.3%
2009	22	2.4	-11.8%

Notes: Victimization rate is expressed per 10,000. Change represents the change in victimization rate from one year to the next.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; population estimates, ORS.

Family Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	673	74.2	
2006	525	58.5	-21.1%
2007	607	67.2	+14.8%
2008	642	71.1	+5.8%
2009	675	74.9	+5.4%

Marital Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	565	62.3	
2006	337	37.6	-39.7%
2007	360	39.8	+6.1%
2008	372	41.2	+3.4%
2009	380	42.2	+2.4%

Violence in Romantic Relationships

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	512	56.4	
2006	460	51.3	-9.2%
2007	584	64.6	+26.1%
2008	650	72.0	+11.3%
2009	617	68.5	-4.8%

Notes: Victimization rate is expressed per 10,000. Change represents the change in victimization rate from one year to the next.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; population estimates, ORS.

Victim Characteristics

Domestic Violence Victims by Sex

Sex	Number	Percent
Female	5,932	73.8%
Male	2,105	26.2%
Unknown	1	<0.1%
Total	8,038	100.0%

Domestic Violence Victims by Race

Race	Number	Percent
Asian	1	<0.1%
Black	5,949	74.0%
Native American	2	<0.1%
Unknown	6	0.1%
White	2,080	25.9%
Total	8,038	100.0%

Domestic Violence Victims by Ethnicity

Ethnicity	Number	Percent
Hispanic	34	0.4%
Non-Hispanic	7,993	99.4%
Unknown	11	0.1%
Total	8,038	100.0%

Domestic Violence Victims by Victim Residence

Residence	Number	Percent
Reporting Jurisdiction	7,742	96.3%
Out of State	11	0.1%
In-State, Not in Jurisdiction	276	3.4%
Unknown	9	0.1%
Total	8,038	100.0%

Source: SCIBRS, SLED.

PICKENS COUNTY

Five Year Trends

Criminal Domestic Violence Proxy

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	547	48.2	
2006	384	33.5	-30.3%
2007	399	34.5	+2.9%
2008	339	29.0	-16.0%
2009	304	25.7	-11.3%

Domestic Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	1,288	113.4	
2006	946	82.6	-27.1%
2007	1,167	100.9	+22.1%
2008	986	84.3	-16.5%
2009	989	83.7	-0.7%

Ex-Spouse Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	63	5.5	
2006	33	2.9	-48.0%
2007	46	4.0	+38.0%
2008	19	1.6	-59.2%
2009	24	2.0	+25.0%

Notes: Victimization rate is expressed per 10,000. Change represents the change in victimization rate from one year to the next.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; population estimates, ORS.

Family Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	493	43.4	
2006	367	32.1	-26.1%
2007	475	41.1	+28.1%
2008	383	32.8	-20.3%
2009	419	35.5	+8.3%

Marital Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	494	43.5	
2006	354	30.9	-28.9%
2007	356	30.8	-0.4%
2008	323	27.6	-10.3%
2009	283	24.0	-13.3%

Violence in Romantic Relationships

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	245	21.6	
2006	198	17.3	-19.8%
2007	298	25.8	+49.0%
2008	265	22.7	-12.1%
2009	276	23.4	+3.1%

Notes: Victimization rate is expressed per 10,000. Change represents the change in victimization rate from one year to the next.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; population estimates, ORS.

Victim Characteristics

Domestic Violence Victims by Sex

Sex	Number	Percent
Female	3,858	71.8%
Male	1,518	28.2%
Unknown	0	0.0%
Total	5,376	100.0%

Domestic Violence Victims by Race

Race	Number	Percent
Asian	15	0.3%
Black	437	8.1%
Native American	1	<0.1%
Unknown	19	0.4%
White	4,904	91.2%
Total	5,376	100.0%

Domestic Violence Victims by Ethnicity

Ethnicity	Number	Percent
Hispanic	65	1.2%
Non-Hispanic	5,293	98.5%
Unknown	18	0.3%
Total	5,376	100.0%

Domestic Violence Victims by Victim Residence

Residence	Number	Percent
Reporting Jurisdiction	4,847	90.2%
Out of State	47	0.9%
In-State, Not in Jurisdiction	471	8.8%
Unknown	11	0.2%
Total	5,376	100.0%

Source: SCIBRS, SLED.

RICHLAND COUNTY

Five Year Trends

Criminal Domestic Violence Proxy

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	1,094	31.7	
2006	718	20.5	-35.5%
2007	809	22.6	+10.4%
2008	835	22.9	+1.5%
2009	888	23.9	+4.1%

Domestic Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	3,690	107.0	
2006	2,824	80.5	-24.8%
2007	3,128	87.4	+8.5%
2008	3,185	87.5	+0.1%
2009	3,644	98.0	+11.9%

Ex-Spouse Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	72	2.1	
2006	46	1.3	-37.2%
2007	66	1.8	+40.6%
2008	77	2.1	+14.7%
2009	100	2.7	+27.1%

Notes: Victimization rate is expressed per 10,000. Change represents the change in victimization rate from one year to the next.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; population estimates, ORS.

Family Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	983	28.5	
2006	752	21.4	-24.8%
2007	896	25.0	+16.8%
2008	961	26.4	+5.5%
2009	1,043	28.0	+6.2%

Marital Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	1,031	29.9	
2006	680	19.4	-35.2%
2007	746	20.8	+7.5%
2008	769	21.1	+1.4%
2009	790	21.2	+0.5%

Violence in Romantic Relationships

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	1,609	46.7	
2006	1,352	38.5	-17.4%
2007	1,424	39.8	+3.2%
2008	1,388	38.1	-4.1%
2009	1,718	46.2	+21.1%

Notes: Victimization rate is expressed per 10,000. Change represents the change in victimization rate from one year to the next.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; population estimates, ORS.

Victim Characteristics

Domestic Violence Victims by Sex

Sex	Number	Percent
Female	12,805	77.7%
Male	3,663	22.2%
Unknown	3	<0.1%
Total	16,471	100.0%

Domestic Violence Victims by Race

Race	Number	Percent
Asian	99	0.6%
Black	12,380	75.2%
Native American	15	0.1%
Unknown	45	0.3%
White	3,932	23.9%
Total	16,471	100.0%

Domestic Violence Victims by Ethnicity

Ethnicity	Number	Percent
Hispanic	337	2.0%
Non-Hispanic	16,037	97.4%
Unknown	97	0.6%
Total	16,471	100.0%

Domestic Violence Victims by Victim Residence

Residence	Number	Percent
Reporting Jurisdiction	15,131	91.9%
Out of State	107	0.6%
In-State, Not in Jurisdiction	1,168	7.1%
Unknown	65	0.4%
Total	16,471	100.0%

Source: SCIBRS, SLED.

SALUDA COUNTY

Five Year Trends

Criminal Domestic Violence Proxy

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	98	52.5	
2006	44	23.5	-55.2%
2007	20	10.7	-54.5%
2008	15	8.1	-24.7%
2009	19	10.0	+23.6%

Domestic Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	197	105.5	
2006	115	61.5	-41.8%
2007	117	62.6	+1.8%
2008	108	58.0	-7.4%
2009	111	58.1	+0.3%

Ex-Spouse Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	11	5.9	
2006	12	6.4	+8.8%
2007	2	1.1	-83.3%
2008	2	1.1	+0.4%
2009	4	2.1	+95.1%

Notes: Victimization rate is expressed per 10,000. Change represents the change in victimization rate from one year to the next.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; population estimates, ORS.

Family Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	59	59	
2006	49	49	-16.9%
2007	53	53	+8.2%
2008	58	58	+9.4%
2009	55	55	-5.2%

Marital Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	87	46.6	
2006	32	17.1	-63.3%
2007	18	9.6	-43.7%
2008	13	7.0	-27.5%
2009	15	7.9	+12.6%

Violence in Romantic Relationships

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	40	21.4	
2006	24	12.8	-40.1%
2007	46	24.6	+91.9%
2008	35	18.8	-23.6%
2009	39	20.4	+8.7%

Notes: Victimization rate is expressed per 10,000. Change represents the change in victimization rate from one year to the next.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; population estimates, ORS.

Victim Characteristics

Domestic Violence Victims by Sex

Sex	Number	Percent
Female	477	73.6%
Male	169	26.1%
Unknown	2	0.3%
Total	648	100.0%

Domestic Violence Victims by Race

Race	Number	Percent
Asian	0	0.0%
Black	315	48.6%
Native American	0	0.0%
Unknown	3	0.5%
White	330	50.9%
Total	648	100.0%

Domestic Violence Victims by Ethnicity

Ethnicity	Number	Percent
Hispanic	64	9.9%
Non-Hispanic	578	89.2%
Unknown	6	0.9%
Total	648	100.0%

Domestic Violence Victims by Victim Residence

Residence	Number	Percent
Reporting Jurisdiction	585	90.3%
Out of State	2	0.3%
In-State, Not in Jurisdiction	59	9.1%
Unknown	2	0.3%
Total	648	100.0%

Source: SCIBRS, SLED.

SPARTANBURG COUNTY

Five Year Trends

Criminal Domestic Violence Proxy

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	879	33.1	
2006	840	31.2	-5.9%
2007	833	30.3	-2.9%
2008	814	29.0	-4.2%
2009	815	28.4	-2.0%

Domestic Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	2,593	97.7	
2006	2,486	92.2	-5.6%
2007	2,652	96.3	+4.5%
2008	2,544	90.6	-5.9%
2009	2,527	88.1	-2.8%

Ex-Spouse Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	47	1.8	
2006	53	2.0	+11.0%
2007	79	2.9	+45.9%
2008	68	2.4	-15.6%
2009	65	2.3	-6.4%

Notes: Victimization rate is expressed per 10,000. Change represents the change in victimization rate from one year to the next.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; population estimates, ORS.

Family Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	767	28.9	
2006	742	27.5	-4.8%
2007	757	27.5	0.0%
2008	728	25.9	-5.7%
2009	653	22.8	-12.2%

Marital Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	845	31.9	
2006	793	29.4	-7.6%
2007	767	27.9	-5.3%
2008	754	26.9	-3.6%
2009	754	26.3	-2.1%

Violence in Romantic Relationships

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	950	35.8	
2006	907	33.6	-6.0%
2007	1,066	38.7	+15.1%
2008	1,008	35.9	-7.3%
2009	1,067	37.2	+3.6%

Notes: Victimization rate is expressed per 10,000. Change represents the change in victimization rate from one year to the next.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; population estimates, ORS.

Victim Characteristics

Domestic Violence Victims by Sex

Sex	Number	Percent
Female	9,546	74.6%
Male	3,255	25.4%
Unknown	1	<0.1%
Total	12,802	100.0%

Domestic Violence Victims by Race

Race	Number	Percent
Asian	53	0.4%
Black	5,464	42.7%
Native American	6	<0.1%
Unknown	25	0.2%
White	7,254	56.7%
Total	12,802	100.0%

Domestic Violence Victims by Ethnicity

Ethnicity	Number	Percent
Hispanic	209	1.6%
Non-Hispanic	12,486	97.5%
Unknown	107	0.8%
Total	12,802	100.0%

Domestic Violence Victims by Victim Residence

Residence	Number	Percent
Reporting Jurisdiction	11,773	92.0%
Out of State	88	0.7%
In-State, Not in Jurisdiction	909	7.1%
Unknown	32	0.2%
Total	12,802	100.0%

Source: SCIBRS, SLED.

SUMTER COUNTY

Five Year Trends

Criminal Domestic Violence Proxy

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	791	75.5	
2006	547	52.5	-30.4%
2007	541	52.0	-1.0%
2008	401	38.5	-26.0%
2009	357	34.2	-11.3%

Domestic Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	1,784	170.3	
2006	1,515	145.5	-14.5%
2007	1,601	153.9	+5.8%
2008	1,115	107.1	-30.4%
2009	1,056	101.1	-5.6%

Ex-Spouse Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	33	3.2	
2006	31	3.0	-5.5%
2007	47	4.5	+51.7%
2008	17	1.6	-63.9%
2009	24	2.3	+40.7%

Notes: Victimization rate is expressed per 10,000. Change represents the change in victimization rate from one year to the next.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; population estimates, ORS.

Family Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	403	38.5	
2006	416	40.0	+3.9%
2007	507	48.7	+22.0%
2008	246	23.6	-51.5%
2009	256	24.5	+3.7%

Marital Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	759	72.5	
2006	522	50.1	-30.8%
2007	499	48.0	-4.3%
2008	387	37.2	-22.5%
2009	336	32.2	-13.5%

Violence in Romantic Relationships

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	595	56.8	
2006	553	53.1	-6.5%
2007	555	53.4	+0.5%
2008	475	45.6	-14.5%
2009	447	42.8	-6.2%

Notes: Victimization rate is expressed per 10,000. Change represents the change in victimization rate from one year to the next.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; population estimates, ORS.

Victim Characteristics

Domestic Violence Victims by Sex

Sex	Number	Percent
Female	5,398	76.3%
Male	1,673	23.7%
Unknown	0	0.0%
Total	7,071	100.0%

Domestic Violence Victims by Race

Race	Number	Percent
Asian	17	0.2%
Black	4,924	69.6%
Native American	1	<0.1%
Unknown	3	<0.1%
White	2,126	30.1%
Total	7,071	100.0%

Domestic Violence Victims by Ethnicity

Ethnicity	Number	Percent
Hispanic	94	1.3%
Non-Hispanic	6,974	98.6%
Unknown	3	<0.1%
Total	7,071	100.0%

Domestic Violence Victims by Victim Residence

Residence	Number	Percent
Reporting Jurisdiction	6,911	97.7%
Out of State	32	0.5%
In-State, Not in Jurisdiction	120	1.7%
Unknown	8	0.1%
Total	7,071	100.0%

Source: SCIBRS, SLED.

UNION COUNTY

Five Year Trends

Criminal Domestic Violence Proxy

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	103	36.5	
2006	62	22.1	-39.4%
2007	69	24.8	+12.4%
2008	81	29.3	+17.9%
2009	53	19.4	-33.8%

Domestic Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	353	125.0	
2006	261	93.0	-25.6%
2007	278	100.0	+7.6%
2008	270	97.6	-2.5%
2009	218	79.7	-18.3%

Ex-Spouse Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	7	2.5	
2006	4	1.4	-42.5%
2007	6	2.2	+51.5%
2008	2	0.7	-66.5%
2009	3	1.1	+51.7%

Notes: Victimization rate is expressed per 10,000. Change represents the change in victimization rate from one year to the next.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; population estimates, ORS.

Family Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	126	44.6	
2006	92	32.8	-26.5%
2007	100	36.0	+9.8%
2008	88	31.8	-11.6%
2009	84	30.7	-3.5%

Marital Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	97	34.3	
2006	59	21.0	-38.8%
2007	64	23.0	+9.5%
2008	79	28.5	+24.0%
2009	50	18.3	-36.0%

Violence in Romantic Relationships

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	126	44.6	
2006	109	38.8	-12.9%
2007	115	41.4	+6.5%
2008	103	37.2	-10.1%
2009	84	30.7	-17.5%

Notes: Victimization rate is expressed per 10,000. Change represents the change in victimization rate from one year to the next.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; population estimates, ORS.

Victim Characteristics

Domestic Violence Victims by Sex

Sex	Number	Percent
Female	1,013	73.4%
Male	367	26.6%
Unknown	0	0.0%
Total	1,380	100.0%

Domestic Violence Victims by Race

Race	Number	Percent
Asian	0	0.0%
Black	523	37.9%
Native American	1	0.1%
Unknown	0	0.0%
White	856	62.0%
Total	1,380	100.0%

Domestic Violence Victims by Ethnicity

Ethnicity	Number	Percent
Hispanic	2	0.1%
Non-Hispanic	1,376	99.7%
Unknown	2	0.1%
Total	1,380	100.0%

Domestic Violence Victims by Victim Residence

Residence	Number	Percent
Reporting Jurisdiction	1,275	92.4%
Out of State	8	0.6%
In-State, Not in Jurisdiction	97	7.0%
Unknown	0	0.0%
Total	1,380	100.0%

Source: SCIBRS, SLED.

WILLIAMSBURG COUNTY

Five Year Trends

Criminal Domestic Violence Proxy

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	132	38.0	
2006	86	24.3	-35.9%
2007	79	22.3	-8.3%
2008	62	17.7	-20.9%
2009	50	14.5	-17.8%

Domestic Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	465	133.7	
2006	330	93.4	-30.2%
2007	284	80.3	-14.0%
2008	288	82.1	+2.2%
2009	275	79.8	-2.7%

Ex-Spouse Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	9	2.6	
2006	5	1.4	-45.3%
2007	6	1.7	+19.9%
2008	5	1.4	-16.0%
2009	5	1.5	+1.9%

Notes: Victimization rate is expressed per 10,000. Change represents the change in victimization rate from one year to the next.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; population estimates, ORS.

Family Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	179	51.5	
2006	133	37.6	-26.9%
2007	110	31.1	-17.4%
2008	116	33.1	+6.3%
2009	121	35.1	+6.3%

Marital Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	125	35.9	
2006	83	23.5	-34.6%
2007	73	20.6	-12.2%
2008	57	16.2	-21.3%
2009	46	13.4	-17.8%

Violence in Romantic Relationships

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	155	44.6	
2006	111	31.4	-29.5%
2007	95	26.9	-14.5%
2008	110	31.3	+16.7%
2009	103	29.9	-4.6%

Notes: Victimization rate is expressed per 10,000. Change represents the change in victimization rate from one year to the next.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; population estimates, ORS.

Victim Characteristics

Domestic Violence Victims by Sex

Sex	Number	Percent
Female	1,270	77.3%
Male	372	22.7%
Unknown	0	0.0%
Total	1,642	100.0%

Domestic Violence Victims by Race

Race	Number	Percent
Asian	2	0.1%
Black	1,306	79.5%
Native American	0	0.0%
Unknown	1	0.1%
White	333	20.3%
Total	1,642	100.0%

Domestic Violence Victims by Ethnicity

Ethnicity	Number	Percent
Hispanic	5	0.3%
Non-Hispanic	1,617	98.5%
Unknown	20	1.2%
Total	1,642	100.0%

Domestic Violence Victims by Victim Residence

Residence	Number	Percent
Reporting Jurisdiction	1,471	89.6%
Out of State	9	0.5%
In-State, Not in Jurisdiction	119	7.2%
Unknown	43	2.6%
Total	1,642	100.0%

Source: SCIBRS, SLED.

YORK COUNTY

Five Year Trends

Criminal Domestic Violence Proxy

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	1,120	59.2	
2006	1,004	50.7	-14.4%
2007	906	43.4	-14.2%
2008	812	37.3	-14.0%
2009	728	32.1	-14.1%

Domestic Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	3,483	184.1	
2006	3,097	156.2	-15.1%
2007	3,033	145.4	-6.9%
2008	2,890	132.9	-8.6%
2009	2,502	110.2	-17.1%

Ex-Spouse Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	107	5.7	
2006	100	5.0	-10.8%
2007	65	3.1	-38.2%
2008	95	4.4	+40.2%
2009	98	4.3	-1.2%

Notes: Victimization rate is expressed per 10,000. Change represents the change in victimization rate from one year to the next.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; population estimates, ORS.

Family Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	1,168	61.7	
2006	1,118	56.4	-8.6%
2007	1,052	50.4	-10.6%
2008	1,087	50.0	-0.9%
2009	817	36.0	-28.0%

Marital Violence Victimization Trend

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	1,023	54.1	
2006	912	46.0	-14.9%
2007	844	40.5	-12.1%
2008	722	33.2	-17.9%
2009	635	28.0	-15.8%

Violence in Romantic Relationships

Year	Number	Rate	Change
2005	1,206	63.8	
2006	994	50.1	-21.3%
2007	1,095	52.5	+4.7%
2008	1,012	46.5	-11.4%
2009	979	43.1	-7.3%

Notes: Victimization rate is expressed per 10,000. Change represents the change in victimization rate from one year to the next.

Sources: SCIBRS, SLED; population estimates, ORS.

Victim Characteristics

Domestic Violence Victims by Sex

Sex	Number	Percent
Female	10,581	70.5%
Male	4,424	29.5%
Unknown	0	0.0%
Total	15,005	100.0%

Domestic Violence Victims by Race

Race	Number	Percent
Asian	43	0.3%
Black	5,015	33.4%
Native American	16	0.1%
Unknown	12	0.1%
White	9,919	66.1%
Total	15,005	100.0%

Domestic Violence Victims by Ethnicity

Ethnicity	Number	Percent
Hispanic	220	1.5%
Non-Hispanic	14,765	98.4%
Unknown	20	0.1%
Total	15,005	100.0%

Domestic Violence Victims by Victim Residence

Residence	Number	Percent
Reporting Jurisdiction	14,037	93.5%
Out of State	308	2.1%
In-State, Not in Jurisdiction	640	4.3%
Unknown	20	0.1%
Total	15,005	100.0%

Source: SCIBRS, SLED.

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SUMMARY Of FINDINGS

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During the 2005 to 2009 time frame, every statewide indicator of domestic violence declined, with some of the indicators declining markedly. The overall rate of domestic violence victimization decreased 23.3% from 2005 to 2009. This pattern of decrease in the victimization rates occurred for each of the offense categories. Domestic homicide decreased 19.1%, domestic sexual violence decreased 22.2%, domestic robbery decreased 12.9%, domestic aggravated assault decreased 25.9%, domestic simple assault decreased 19.2%, domestic intimidation decreased 39.6% and the proxy indicator for criminal domestic violence decreased 38.4%. Similarly, victimization rate decreases were found for each of domestic victim to offender relationship categories over the five year period. Violence involving marital partners decreased 39%, violence involving ex-spouses decreased 32.5%, violence among family members decreased 20.6% and violence involving romantic partners decreased 9.2%.

In the shorter term, most indicators of domestic violence decreased from 2008 to 2009 as well. The domestic violence victimization rate decreased 1.2%. The domestic homicide rate decreased 11.9%, the victimization rate for domestic aggravated assault decreased 2.8%, the domestic simple assault victimization rate decreased 19.2% and the domestic intimidation rate decreased 10.8%. The rate of violence among ex-spouses decreased 6.4%, the family violence rate decreased 1.9% and the marital violence rate decreased 4.8%. However, some statewide indicators of domestic violence had single year increases. From 2008 to 2009, the domestic sexual violence victimization rate increased 7.4%. Single year increases also occurred in the rate of violence in romantic relationships which increased 2.6% and the domestic simple assault rate which increased 0.7%. The domestic robbery rate increased 12.9% from 2008 to 2008, however it is important to note that domestic robbery was an infrequent event and the increase in the victimization rate was the result of an additional 16 domestic robberies across the state.

Demographically, there were notable differences in domestic violence victimization related to the sex, age, race and ethnicity of the victim. Domestic violence victims were more often female than male, although the finding that 26.1% of domestic violence victims were male might be surprising to some observers. Domestic violence victimization was most heavily concentrated among young adults. Young adults from 18 to 24 years of age had the highest rate of domestic violence victimization, closely followed by the 25 to 34 age group. Together, those two age groups accounted for 49.8% of domestic violence victims. The role of race in domestic violence is somewhat more complicated. While the majority (53.3%) of domestic violence victims was White, the domestic violence victimization rate among the Non-White population was 70% higher than the domestic violence victimization rate among the White population. In terms of ethnicity, the domestic violence victimization rate among Hispanics was 37.7% lower than the rate among the Non-Hispanic population. When looking at ethnicity, it is important to be mindful that the state's Hispanic population has experienced large increases in recent years and to consider the possible impact this growth might have on victimization rates and reporting patterns.

The relationship between the victim and the offender is an important factor that not only serves to define an incident as being domestic or non-domestic in nature, but also allows for a better understanding of the nature of domestic violence that is occurring. The most frequently reported victim to offender relationship involved partners in a romantic relationship. From 2005 to 2009, 35.9% of reported domestic violence cases involved violence between boyfriends and girlfriends. Women and young adults were the most frequently reported victims of violence involving romantic partners. Girlfriends made up 82.2% of the victims of violence involving romantic partners. Young adults were the most frequently reported victims in romantic relationships with 18 to 24 year olds accounting for 34.7% of victimizations and 25 to 34 year olds accounting for 32% of victimizations. Violence involving family members accounted for 32.4% of domestic violence. The most frequently reported category of victims of family violence was other family members, a category consisting of extended family members such as cousins, aunts, uncles and similar family relationships. Violence involving marital partners accounted for 29.2% of all domestic violence victims. Among spouses, wives were victimized far more often than husbands, accounting for 79.8% of the victims of marital violence. Violence involving ex-spouses was reported less often than the other victim/offender categories and only accounted for 2.5% of domestic violence victimizations. Among ex-spouses, ex-wives were the most frequent victims, accounting for 78.8% of victimizations.

Geographically, domestic violence is difficult to characterize. Although most counties, like the state as a whole, experienced declines in domestic violence rates, there were some counties that varied from the general pattern of decline from 2005 to 2009. These exceptions constitute areas of concern, requiring further, more detailed analysis at the local level. While this report ranked the counties on various measure of domestic violence, these rankings must be understood in context. Counties differ demographically, culturally, in terms of the availability of resources, in terms of how law enforcement responds to domestic situations and in a number of other ways which might affect the degree to which domestic violence occurs and is reported. Arguably, far more important to understanding the situation at the county level are the five year trends and the data tables profiling domestic violence victims. The county level profiles and trends should provide a jump-off point for additional analysis towards better understanding patterns of domestic violence at the local level.

The findings in this report also serve to highlight the all too often physically dangerous and potentially deadly nature of domestic violence. Although the offenses of simple assault, attacks in which the offender does not display a weapon or where the victim did not suffer severe bodily injury, and intimidation, which consists of threats to a person's safety, together accounted for 80.2% of domestic violence offenses, the danger presented by domestic violence is nonetheless all too real. To infer that domestic violence is a less than serious form of criminal behavior would require ignoring the 442 domestic homicides and 6,746 domestic sexual violence victimizations reported during the five year period. In addition to the deaths and sexual assaults, other types of serious injuries were reported including broken bones, internal injuries, victims being knocked unconscious, the loss of teeth, severe lacerations and other major injuries. Those types of

serious injuries in addition to deaths and sexual victimization totaled 20,710 serious injuries over the five year period. Additionally, more than 100,000 injuries related to domestic violence were reported during that same time frame. All these injuries serve to further highlight both the actual level of serious physical danger of domestic violence as well as the potential level of physical danger from domestic violence. Further, it is important to note that these numbers may well be underestimates, since they represent an initial estimate of the seriousness of the injury by the responding officer along with the assistance of any responding medical personnel when available and cannot be reasonably expected to constitute official medical diagnoses.

Finally, this report points out the unavoidable conclusion that domestic violence is a major contributor to the overall problem of violent crime in South Carolina. Domestic victim to offender relationships were reported in 40.8% of all violent victimizations in the state over the five year time frame. Domestic violence accounted for 51.1% of simple assaults, 36.1% of aggravated assaults, 31.9% of sexual violence, 30.2% of intimidations and 24.9% of homicides. The only offense for which domestic involvement was sparse was robbery with 1.6% of victims reporting domestic victim to offender relationships. While it is difficult to summarily characterize domestic violence geographically or demographically, clearly the problem is widespread, respecting neither jurisdictional boundaries nor membership in any particular demographic group. Recognition of the pervasive nature of domestic violence is a necessary step in the process of arriving at a better understanding of the scope and nature of violent crime in our state.